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—WASC president Dr. Barbara A. Beno



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Team TakeCare shows their winning sandcastle that depicts a child's wish to travel around the world, at the Sand Castles for Wishes 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Beach Park on Saturday. Inset shows the event's corporate teams, sponsors, organizers and world-renowned sand sculptor, Australian Dennis Massoud, right.

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Doromal says after Arizona, Obama may also sue CNMI

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Human rights advocate Wendy Doromal has predicted that the Obama administration will also sue the CNMI government over the signing into law of the omnibus immigration bill.

In her Unheard No More blog, Doromal said President Obama has sued Arizona over their attempts to target illegal immigrants, asserting that



Doromal

their law is preempted by federal law.

Doromal said she hopes that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Attorney General Edward Buckingham, Fitial's special legal counsel Howard Willens, and Labor special counsel Deanne Siemer are taking note of this because she believes that the CNMI will also be sued.

Fitial signed into law the administration-proposed omnibus immigration bill that asserts CNMI control over nonresident workers and removing all references to immigration and deportation from the Commonwealth Code to conform to the federalization law.

The Obama lawsuit filed in federal court in Phoenix asserts

that the law, due to take effect July 29, usurps the federal government's "pre-eminent authority" under the Constitution to regulate immigration.

Obama stated that the Arizona laws have the potential of violating the rights of innocent American citizens and legal residents, making them subject to possible stops or questioning because of what they look like or how they sound.

"And as other states and localities go their own ways, we face the prospect that different rules for immigration will apply in different parts of the country, a patchwork of local immigration rules where we all know one clear national standard is needed," Obama said in his speech last week.

Doromal said CNMI's Public Law 17-1 or the Employment Rules and Regulations and the Immigration Conformity Act of 2010 (omnibus law) similarly are preempted by federal law.

"The difference is that the aliens in the CNMI are legally living and working in the Commonwealth and the Arizona lawsuit targets illegal aliens, making the CNMI law even more despicable," Doromal said.

Doromal said the CNMI attempts to claim that they can maintain control of immigration by recodification of former immigration laws to become labor laws.

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'No extension to hire non-highly qualified personnel in 2011'

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Education commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said the Public School System will not request for an extension on the federal government's deadline for the highly qualified personnel mandate and thus will not hire educators who don't meet the full requirements starting next year.

The U.S. Department of Education has given CNMI-PSS until July 31, 2011 to meet the highly qualified personnel mandate of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. To comply with this mandate, the CNMI Board of Education has set the following requirements in order to be classified as highly qualified personnel—degree, valid teaching certificate, and Praxis.

Sablan said that teachers, administrators, and counselors were given ample time to comply with the standards and indicated that there's no possibility to ask for deadline extension.

It was in 2005 when the education board adopted Praxis 1 as a requirement to become highly qualified teachers. A year after, the Praxis 2 test was established as additional requirement.

"It's very clear since the very beginning when we came out with Praxis 1 in 2005 and required the Praxis 2 as additional requirement in 2006. It's been clear for four years that they have to meet these tests as part of the certification requirement by the board," said Sablan, hinting that four years is long enough to comply with the standards.

"By 2011, any teacher, administrator or counselor that

do not meet these requirements will have to leave the system," the commissioner told *Saipan Tribune* last Friday.

Sablan said PSS is doing its best to assist non-highly qualified personnel to meet the requirements by conducting seminars and institutes.

"We're looking at this [issue of non-HQT] very closely... because we only have 10 months left," said the commissioner.

Sablan is optimistic that before the July 2011 deadline, all personnel will meet the requirements.

As of April, PSS recorded 73 percent highly qualified teachers or 412 teachers. A total of 156 teachers are registered non-HQT. There are 568 teachers in public schools as of April this year.



Sablan

The system is expecting the number to grow this month after several teachers took the exam last June.

The Board of Education in 2006 adopted a compensation policy that entitles highly qualified teachers to avail of minimum salary of \$28,000 per annum to a maximum wage of \$47,000 depending on their qualifications and credentials.

PSS records indicated that as of April, 13 school counselors—or 62 percent—are classified as highly qualified.

PSS has a total of 21 counselors and eight of them are still in compliance with the standard.

Like highly qualified teachers, HQCs are also entitled to a minimum of \$28,000 to \$47,000 annual salary.

Meantime, out of the 42 school administrators employed by PSS, 14 are classified as highly qualified administrators who have met all requirements and standards set by the board

of education. This translates to 33 percent of the total principal and vice principal population. Non-highly qualified school administrators totaled 28 individuals, or 67 percent.

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Fitial to attend oversight hearing on technical assistance to insular areas

» Kilili: CNMI has received some \$250M in federal money this year

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After attending the 102nd annual meeting of the National Governors Association in Boston, Massachusetts from July 9 to 11, Gov. Benigno R. Fitia will be headed for Washington, D.C. where he will attend an oversight hearing on the technical assistance program's effectiveness in insular areas.

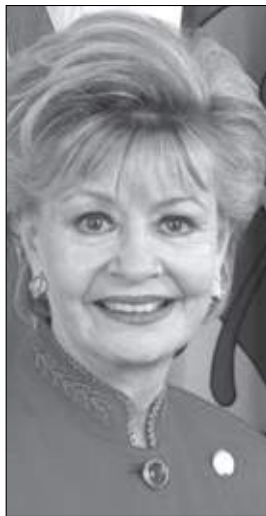
Fitia will be attending the U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife's oversight hearing titled, "Technical Assistance Program: Evaluating its Ability to Meet the Needs of the Insular Areas" on July 15 at 2pm.

The subcommittee, chaired by Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo, "will receive testimony on the evolving nature of the program, its responsiveness to meeting the emerging needs of the insular areas, and the Department's recently modified grant application process for the program."

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), in a separate interview, said the CNMI has received some \$250 million in federal money this fiscal year alone, including grants.



Fitia



Bordallo



Sablan

He said his office is now compiling the total amount of federal money that has come CNMI's way since at least 1983.

Sablan said the amount of federal money coming in should be able to help the CNMI with its needs.

The subcommittee has yet to announce the witnesses at the hearing.

Last week, the administration announced that Fitia will be attending a congressional hearing on the minimum wage but the topic of the hearing has since been clarified. There is no upcoming hearing on the minimum wage in the CNMI and American Samoa,

only on the technical assistance program in the insular areas.

Press Secretary Angel Demapan said Fitia will be ready to testify at the hearing if needed.

Bordallo and Sablan will also be hosting this week a wreath-laying ceremony and reception in Washington, D.C. honoring the 66th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Marianas.

Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho, who also attended the NGA meeting in Boston, will be attending the ceremony. As of yesterday, it's not known whether Fitia will also attend these events.

NMC

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The new report must be submitted to the commission by Oct. 31 this year and expected to be acted upon by WASC in its January 2011 assembly.

"Since the loss of accreditation will likely cause the institution to close, during the show cause period, NMC must make preparations for closure according to the commission's policy on closing an institution," WASC president Dr. Barbara A. Beno stated in her June 30 letter to NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera.

She said NMC previously developed procedures for closure in 2008 and inked an agreement with Guam Community College for a teach-out of its courses and programs.

The WASC president said the college may renew this agreement with Guam Community College or develop

an alternative part of a closure report.

Based on the 2008 show cause report by NMC, all physical copies of student files such as academic records, financial aid records, administrative and business office records, will be prepared for archiving at GCC. These records shall be stored in compliance with the applicable record retention requirements specified in the regulation.

On the same closure plan report in 2008, NMC indicated that those records not designated for archiving will be shredded, recycled, or otherwise disposed of in compliance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act and other applicable regulatory requirements.

Besides assurance of proper disposition of the college assets and liabilities, obligations to staff and employees, NMC also indicated its commitment to fulfill all obligations to vendors and creditors in the case of closure.

The college said the guiding prin-

ciples in the management of the process is to uphold the integrity of NMC, maintain student services, and ensure appropriately trained faculty are available to instruct students.

It also indicated in the same report last year that the termination or transfer of any federal program and grants shall be in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the federal grantor agencies.

NMC was again sanctioned by the commission after finding reoccurring deficiencies in the college that eventually resulted to noncompliance with standards.

NMC's show cause citation is considered more severe this time after the commission uncovered 10 new recommendations; compared to only six concerns in 2008.

The Board of Regents and college management, however, vowed to address all these concerns to reaffirm the institution's accreditation.

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alienation to be "perpetual."

But Section 805 of the Covenant between the CNMI and the United States allows the CNMI to revisit its land alienation restrictions 25 years after the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement in 1986. That 25-year period will end in 2011.

Ogumoro's HLI 17-3 also seeks to change the constitution to legally ensure that persons who have "less than one-quarter Northern Marianas descent blood" and who is a U.S. citizen or national be considered bona fide person of Northern Marianas descent.

Under Section 4 of Article 12, a Northern Marianas descent is defined

as someone who is of "at least one-quarter Northern Marianas Chamorro or Northern Marianas Carolinian" blood, among other things.

HLI 17-3 also seeks to amend Section 5 to allow a corporation of Northern Marianas descent to issue non-voting shares to a person of non-NMD without losing its right as a person of NMD.

If three-fourths of the members of the House and Senate present and voting vote on HLI 17-3, the amendments to Article 12's Sections 1, 4 and 5 will be placed before voters at the next general election.

The House Committee on Natural Resources will hold a public hearing on HLI 17-3 tomorrow, July 13, at 6:30pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The committee, chaired by Rep. Terecita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) requests at least eight officials or their representatives to provide testimony at the hearing.

They include the mayors of Saipan and the Northern Islands, the secretaries of the Departments of Public Lands and Commerce, the resident executive director of the Indigenous Affairs Office, the executive assistant for Carolinian Affairs, and the presidents of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the CNMI Women's Association.

The Citizens for Change of Article 12 Inc. or CCA12, a non-profit group, has been helping to educate the public and stir discussion about Article 12.

Any constitutional amendment may be proposed by a constitutional convention of elected delegates, a popular initiative, or a legislative initiative.

ROTA

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erations in Fiscal Year 2010.

Of the \$290,000 that the commission spent from the Saipan delegation loan, \$215,608.30 had been paid to five commissioners and another \$46,575 had been paid for professional services.

To date, no casino has been operating on Rota but the commission had already approved a conditional license to Rota Treasure Island Corp. to operate a casino on island.

Saipan Local Law 16-4, which Gov. Benigno R. Fitia signed on Sept. 5, 2008, granted a \$450,000 loan to the Rota Casino Gaming Commission.

The commission has so far drawn down or spent \$290,000 of the \$450,000 loan.

The local law requires the commission to reimburse the amount to the Saipan delegation "within one year after the effective date of this act," or by September 2009.

But as of last week, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation has yet to receive any reimbursement from the Rota Casino Gaming Commission, said delegation chairman Rep. Ray A. Tebuteb (R-Saipan), when asked for comment.

It has also been weeks since acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed in May a local law appropriating \$402,000 for the commission's operations and activities for Fiscal Year 2010.

The \$402,000 came from the non-refundable application fee paid by Rota Treasure Island Corp. to operate a casino on Rota. The Rota Casino Gaming Commission granted Rota Treasure Island Corp. a conditional license to operate a casino.

Tebuteb, as chairman of the delegation, inquired with the commission how the \$290,000 was spent and when it will be paid.

"As chairman of the SNILD, it is incumbent upon myself to look into matters which concern the SNILD, and with this issue at hand and with recent actions taken by the Rota Legislative Delegation to fund the Commission, it has become apparent that the loan granted by the SNILD to the Commission was not addressed nor even considered to be taken seriously," Tebuteb told the commission in a May 18, 2010 letter.

Diego M. Songao, chairman of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission, gave the delegation a breakdown of how the \$290,000 was spent, and asked that the commission be given more time or until a casino starts operating on Rota for it to reimburse the delegation.

Songao, a former senator from Rota, acknowledged the provision in Saipan Local Law 16-4 requiring reimbursement of the amount a year after the effective date of the local law.

"However, (the Rota Casino Gaming Commission) has yet to have a casino operating on Rota to receive the required gaming tax in order for RCGC to have funds to reimburse SNILD. In view of our inability to pay our debt, we humbly ask for your understanding that RCGC cannot reimburse SNILD at this time," Songao told Tebuteb.

Songao also said that the commission acknowledges the Saipan delegation's "generosity," and that the commission "will make sure that

once our casino is up and running and we are receiving revenues from the gaming taxes, reimbursement will be made at that time."

Former Rep. Victor B. Hocog, on behalf of the commission, negotiated the loan.

Where did the money go?

Songao, in his letter to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, gave a breakdown of how the \$290,000 was spent.

He said \$215,608.30 was spent on commission's salaries. Right now, there are five commissioners led by chairman Songao.

The others are as follows: vice chair Ephrem S. Taimanao; secretary Justin S. Manglona; and members Abelina T. Mendiola and Laura I. Manglona.

Another \$46,575 was spent on professional services. These include those paid to a casino consultant, a legal counsel, administrative service, and Web site development. More information about the Rota Casino Gaming Commission can be accessed at www.rotacasino.com.

The commission also spent \$1,905 for printing, including for application forms, office forms, and rules and regulations.

It also spent \$7,568.50 for the commission's inter-island travels, and the travels of legal counsel and consultant.

The commission also spent \$9,607.40 for training; \$5,503.05 for office equipment and supplies including a laptop computer, computer accessories, office supplies, and overhead projector; \$52.40 for freight; \$1,746.71 for monthly telephone billings; \$1,026.90 for advertising monthly meetings and employment opportunities; \$380 for vehicle rentals of legal counsel and consultant; and \$27 for monthly bank service charge.

The Rota Municipal Council also recently approved the operational budget of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission for FY 2010. This was contained in Rota Local Law 17-4.

Under such approved budget, the commission will pay a \$60,000 salary to an executive director who has yet to be named, while commissioners will also be paid \$228,865.17.

Besides the payments for the executive director and the commissioners, the other items to be paid include: \$44,755.73 for payment of FY 2009 tax; \$1,200 for Web site maintenance; \$1,855 for legal fees; \$3,350 for consultant fee; \$213 for April 2010 telephone; administrative assistant, \$25,000; and \$36,761.10 for the Rota mayor operations.

From 1991 to 2003, Rota tried four times without success to allow casino operation through public initiative.

However, in November 2007, Rota voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of the public initiative to allow casino gaming. About 85 percent of the votes cast voted in favor of the initiative, now known as the Rota Casino Act of 2007.

On Tinian, only one casino is operating – the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino. Other investors expressed interest in operating other casinos but none has materialized so far.

Saipan voters rejected the legalization of casino operation on the island but two pending bills by House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) are pushing for casinos on Saipan.

Corrections official resigns, building maintenance manager also quitting

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One official at the Department of Corrections has resigned while the DOC's building maintenance manager is also leaving by the end of the month.

DOC sources disclosed that Capt. Georgia Cabrera stepped down for personal reasons last Friday, while DOC's building maintenance manager, Albert Delos Reyes, is resigning on July 30 to relocate to the U.S. mainland.

A staff at DOC confirmed to *Saipan Tribune* about the resignation of Cabrera and Delos Reyes. The staff requested not to be identified.

Cabrera and then DOC commissioner Dolores M. Aldan, along with two other Corrections officers, escorted masseuse Qingmei Cheng to the house of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in the early morning of Jan. 8, 2010 to perform massage therapy on Fitial. At that time, the governor reportedly experienced severe back pain and was unable to sleep.

Some staff members at DOC have expressed concern particularly with the departure of Delos Reyes, who is reportedly well-trained in operating the state-of-the-art corrections facility in Susupe.

"Who's going to take care of

the building? Albert trained well in that facility. And we are talking about multi-million facility here," a DOC staff told *Saipan Tribune*.

The \$20.9-million adult prison facility was opened in Febru-

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When new Taste of India owner Dr. Mariamma Vincent Panikulangara took over on June 1, her primary objective was to revolutionize the restaurant's food choices in such a way that it encourages healthful food intake. "My interest is to promote vegetarian food habits," says Dr. Panikulangara, president of the Taste of India Corporation, and a Catholic university professor by profession. "In India, more than a billion people do not eat meat, fish or egg and live happily and healthy by enjoying natural foods." Dr. Panikulangara tells that her healthy food campaign is also a way to support local farmers by making use of their agricultural produce. Besides, vegetable consumption has many advantages, according to Dr. Panikulangara, who is also the wife of Atty. Dr. Vincent Panikulangara. "The face looks radiant and you become full of energy when you eat vegetables," she reveals.



Taste of India's assertive vegetarian menu can indulge even the reluctant diners, says Restaurant Manager Thomas Aji. He recommends the Navaratna Khorma (\$9.95) which is made up of carrots, potatoes, green peas, cauliflower, onion, and capsicum cooked in a cashew nut gravy sauce. Aji says the taste would be more blissful if the Khorma is prepared medium mild spicy. Regulars decide on the Vegetable Curry (\$8.95), a mixture of vegetables in coconut milk. Aji highly recommends the Palak Paneer (\$12.95) which combines spinach and paneer (Indian cheese) cooked in a creamy sauce. The paneer can be substituted with tofu at times. These scrumptious vegetable dishes are best enjoyed with Taste of India's wide selection of breads. For the adventurous guests, do try the intensely flavored Masala tea with your food order. All dishes are prepared with consummate skill by chef Sarath Lal who is a connoisseur in North Indian fare and chef Dinesh Kachappilly who specializes in South Indian provisions. Aji underlines that guests have the option to select which vegetables they want included in their dish so they can take pleasure in their food. Those who fear of getting frenzied taste buds from eating at Taste of India need not worry as they adjust the zesty flavor according to the diner's palate.

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COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public law 8/41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 9:30 A.M. at the CRM conference room, Spring Plaza, Chalan Laulau, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
- II. **PERMIT APPLICATION**
 - a. GPPC Inc. Quarry – CRM Reference No. TMS-2010-X031
 - i. Permit application/summary by CRMO
 - ii. Discussion of permit application by CRM Agencies/CRMO
 - iii. Application Status (CRM Agencies/CRM)
- III. **OTHER MATTERS**
 - a. Triple J – 60 Three – Bedrooms Apartment Building, Chalan Kanoa
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. [Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13 (c), the Agency Officials may vote to meet in executive session.

Rita C. Chong – Dela Cruz
Director

3 of 4 claims in lawsuit against CPA over Tinian airport project dismissed

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

The Superior Court has dismissed three of the four claims of a contractor who sued the Commonwealth Ports Authority over the awarding of a construction project at the West Tinian International Airport terminal.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman granted CPA's motion to dismiss the three causes of action in the lawsuit filed by ASC Arch Structure Corp., which does business as ASC Construction.

In a nine-page ruling issued on Thursday, Wiseman basically agreed with CPA that ASC's three causes of action should be dismissed because the complaint fails to state a claim entitling ASC to taxpayer relief under Article X, Section 9 of the CNMI Constitution and fails to point to any contract between ASC and CPA.

The judge dismissed plaintiff ASC's claim that as taxpayer the company can bring this cause of action pursuant to Article X, Section 9 of the CNMI Constitution to enjoin the expenditure of public funds for other than public purposes and for breach of fiduciary duty.

Article X, Section 9 states: "A taxpayer may bring an action against the government or

one of its instrumentalities in order to enjoin the expenditure of public funds for other than public purposes or for a breach of fiduciary duty."

The other dismissed cause of action was ASC's claim that an injunctive relief is necessary since ASC has no adequate remedy at law and may suffer irreparable harm if CPA is not enjoined from awarding the contract to AIC Marianas Inc.

ASC, however, conceded that this claim is now moot and stipulated to dismissal of this cause of action, said Wiseman in the footnote of his order.

The last dismissed claim of action was plaintiff's allegation that CPA has breached the contract since the Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the construction of certain airport terminal improvements, as well as, the bid process are contractual in nature. ASC claimed that it is entitled to damages for lost profits and for the recovery of its costs of bid and protest.

The only remaining claim in ASC's lawsuit is its petition for judicial review. Wiseman said a status conference will be set following this order to discuss the procedural posture of the case.

The remaining claim is ASC's appeal to CPA's decision denying plaintiff's protest. ASC alleged that CPA's denial

is arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, and not in accordance with applicable law.

ASC, through counsel Stephen Woodruff, filed the lawsuit against CPA in 2004. The company claimed that it submitted the lowest bid of \$2.567 million, but the project was awarded to AIC Marianas, which it said had a \$2.651 million bid.

ASC said CPA issued an Invitation for Bid for the project on June 2, 2003.

The parties agreed that the basis for the denial of ASC's bid was that Equitable Insurance Company was not a U.S. Treasury listed corporation.

However, ASC claimed that CPA's rejection of the proffered surety was based on nothing more than a memorandum from an assistant attorney general to the director of the Department of Public Works' Technical Services.

The AAG stated that "until further notice, the Attorney General's Office will not be accepting any bid, payment, or construction bonds issued by the Equitable Insurance Company."

ASC argued that the memorandum in question is an adequate basis for the denial. The company said it should have been allowed to choose another bonding company.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL



CUC-RFP-10-031 TANK CLEANING & REPLACEMENT POWER PLANT NOS. 1 & 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms for the "Tank Cleaning & Replacement" at its Power Plant Nos. 1 and 2, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI. The work under this RFP is divided into two separate projects so that CUC will have the opportunity to select more than one Offeror and provides for expedited project completion if it finds that would be in the best interest of CUC. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs:

- A. **Project 1:**
 - A. 1. Cleaning of tanks 101 and 102 (588,000 USG, each), used for diesel fuel storage;
 - A. 2. Cleaning of tank 107 (1,320 USG), used for used oil storage;
 - A. 3. Cleaning of tank 107 C (23,000 USG), used for used oil storage;
 - A. 4. Cleaning of tank 108 B (4,678 USG), used for lube oil storage.
- B. **Project 2:**
 - B. 1. Disposal of tank 107 C (23,000 USG), after cleaning and replacement with a new shop fabricated tank of similar size/dimension to fit the available foundation base;
 - B. 2. Disposal tank 108 B (4,678 USG), after cleaning;
 - B. 3. Disposal tank 101 A and 102 (588,000 USG each), after cleaning if upon inspection it is not Economically viable to repair the tank.

RFP Deadlines and Highlights:

- Proposal Submission - **One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies** must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "**CUC-RFP- 10-031 'TANK CLEANING & REPLACEMENT POWER PLANT NO. 1'**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **July 23, 2010 at 10:00 AM. (CHST) local time**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.
- The Scope-of-Work will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until July, 14, 2010**.
- A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **July 01, 2010 at 9:30 AM** CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan.
- Submission of questions and clarifications must be submitted in writing via email no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **July 16, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. William Sword, Technical Manager for Oil, via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.
- A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposal. A Performance and Payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Offeror.

Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive Offeror, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government.

/s/ **ABE UTU MALAE**
Acting Executive Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MPLT RFP No. 10-01

INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES

SERVICES REQUIRED

The Marianas Public Land Trust, a public trust of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, is inviting interested insurance brokers, singularly or in partnership with others, to submit technical proposals for providing insurance brokerage services to MPLT. Interested insurance brokers must be licensed in the Northern Mariana Islands and have a current business license.

THE PROCESS

The process will consist of the receipt and evaluation of sealed proposals for technical services. The proposals should demonstrate the ability of the brokers to perform and provide the services enumerated in the Scope of Services stipulated in the Request For Proposal (RFP). At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the highest rated broker will be selected to negotiate fees for services with MPLT. If successful, the broker will be appointed as MPLT's exclusive insurance representative on a year-to-year basis for a period not to exceed three years.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected broker shall assist MPLT in obtaining insurance coverages for Property and Liability insurance, Automobile, Crime, and Director's & Officer's Liability insurance and providing such other services as may be subsequently negotiated.

PACKAGES & SUBMITTAL DATE

Proposal packages will be available beginning June 22, 2010 at the MPLT Administrative Office, Capital Hill Unit 1313, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays. Five copies of the sealed proposals shall be submitted to Mr. Phillip Mendiola-Long, MPLT Chairman, P.O. Box 501089, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

EVALUATION

The factors to be used in evaluating the proposals shall be the criteria set forth in the RFP. Each criteria will be assigned a grading up to ten points; the proposer receiving the highest overall score will be selected to negotiate a fee for services. The MPLT reserves the right to reject any proposal deemed not in the best interest of MPLT.

If there are any questions relative to this notice, interested parties are asked to contact Ms. Barbara Reyes during the hours stated above.

/s/ **PHILLIP MENDIOLA-LONG**
MPLT Chairman/Contracting Officer

9th Circuit: Appeal of convicted sex trafficker remanded to federal court

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has remanded to the federal court the appeal of a businesswoman convicted of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking and for operating a prostitution business in western Garapan.

Appellate commissioner Peter L. Shaw noted that the U.S. District Court for the NMI has not issued or declined to issue a certificate of appealability in defendant Ming Yan Zheng's appeal.

Shaw said pursuant to circuit court policy, Zheng's case is remanded to the U.S. District Court for the NMI for the limited purpose of granting or denying a certificate of appealability at the court's

earliest convenience.

"If the district court issues a certificate of appealability, the court should specify which issue or issues meet the required showing," said Shaw in the order.

If the district court declines to issue a certificate, the commissioner said, the court should state its reasons why a certificate of appealability should not be granted, and the clerk of the district court shall forward to this court the record with the order denying the certificate.

Shaw suspended the briefing in the appeal pending further court's order.

In 2006, a federal court jury found Zheng and his boyfriend, Chang Da Liu, guilty of one

count of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking, foreign transportation for purposes of prostitution, or foreign transportation of persons in execution of a scheme to defraud; two counts of sex trafficking; one count of foreign transportation for prostitution; and one count of foreign transportation of persons in execution of fraud scheme.

Zheng was sentenced to six years and six months in prison. Li was sentenced to four years and nine months in jail.

Zheng, through counsel George Anthony Long, moved to vacate, set aside, or correct her sentence. The federal court denied the motion.

Zheng appealed to the Ninth Circuit. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Changes to EEO law topic in SHRM meeting

An official of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will be the Society for Human Resource Management CNMI Chapter's guest during its July general membership lunch meeting this Thursday.

Gregory L. McClinton, a senior trial attorney for EEOC's Honolulu Office, will be the speaker on the topic "Changes to the Equal Employment Opportunity Law That Affect the CNMI" during the lunch meeting to be held at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret on from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This timely presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for both employers and employees to learn about major changes to Equal Employment Opportunity law and the roles of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. McClinton will discuss important topics such as:

- New protections under EEO law, including amendments to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, amendments to the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), and proposed amendments to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);

- EEOC support for the CNMI, including how to file a

charge, who can file one, and how it will be investigated;

- Effects, if any, on the application of EEO law to nonresident workers as a result of the implementation of U. S. Immigration in the CNMI; and

- A review of the most common types of EEOC cases filed in the CNMI and the region.

The EEOC is responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate against a job applicant or an employee because of the person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 and older), disability or genetic information. It is also illegal to discriminate against a person because the person complained about discrimination, or participated in an employment discrimination investigation or lawsuit. Equal Opportunity Law applies to all types of work situations, including hiring, firing, promotions, harassment, training, wages, and benefits. If individuals and/or organizations do not follow EEO laws, they can find themselves in litigation with the federal government and face costly settlements and claims for punitive damages. You won't want to miss this

opportunity to brush up on the newest changes to EEO law by attending this presentation.

The presentation includes lunch and the cost is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Polly Deleon Guerrero (SHRM CNMI Chapter vice president) at the PIC at 237-5122 or e-mail her at pollydlg@gmail.com.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. Representing more than 250,000 individual members, the society's mission is to serve the needs of HR professionals by providing the most essential and comprehensive resources available. As an influential voice, the society's mission is also to advance the human resource profession to ensure that HR is recognized as an essential partner in developing and executing organizational strategy. The CNMI chapter is composed of human resource professionals from a variety of industries, large and small, who recognize a need for a local society for professionals in the human resource field. The CNMI chapter is affiliated with the national organization. *(SHRM)*





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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MVA-RFP-10-2301

For: CNMI Tourism Master Plan for 2011 - 2015

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Time: 3:00 p.m.

Submit sealed proposals to: The Division of Procurement & Supply
P.O. Box 10008
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Interested parties may pick up the scope of work and application for local preference at the Marianas Visitors Authority office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting the MVA website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ HERMAN SABLON
Director, P&S

/s/ PERRY P. TENORIO
Managing Director

Former chief justice's new book offers advice, historical account

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands needs a "collective vision" and a "clear roadmap" in order to rise above the economic downturn that it has been experiencing in the last five years, according to retired chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz.

Dela Cruz, who wrote the book entitled *From Colonialism to Self-Government: The Northern Marianas Experience*, asserted that the people of the CNMI must identify and adopt a vision for the future welfare of the islands and its people.

"Now is the time to do something about the CNMI [and work on] where we want to go," said Dela Cruz during his book signing ceremony held Saturday morning at the American Memorial Park.

From Colonialism to Self-Government: The Northern Marianas Experience is a historical account of life in the Northern Marianas before and after the war, taking into account the period when the islands were placed under the United Nations trusteeship.

The Northern Mariana Islands became part of the U.N. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands administered by the United States after American forces defeated Japanese troops in the Battle of Saipan.

Dela Cruz said he originally intended to write a novel about the experiences of an imaginary character who grew up in the Marianas after the war.

But when he wrote the first



Retired chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz signs a copy of his book, *From Colonialism to Self-Government: The Northern Marianas Experience*, during a book signing ceremony held at the American Memorial Park last July 10.

few pages of his novel, Dela Cruz soon realized that he wanted to write about the historical aspect and actual experiences of the islanders under the colonial rule, the trusteeship, and as a self-governing commonwealth after 1978, from the viewpoint of a boy named Manuel.

According to Dela Cruz, Manuel's character was meant to be a composite of an average Chamorro kid growing up in the 1950s.

"I always thought Manuel is a nice island name that a lot of people are named after," he added.

Dela Cruz's book is divided into five different parts. The first and second parts give an account of the islands, its customs and traditions, including the pre-war history of the islands.

Part three deals with the trusteeship administration of the

islands by the U.S., encompassing the law practice and judicial system in the islands during the '60s and '70s.

Part four talks about the beginning of the commonwealth government and the experiences of the people of the Marianas in governing themselves. It delves into the unique political status of the CNMI and its distinctive political relationship with the U.S. compared to other territories such as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

The book wraps up with Manuel's character, together with a group of friends, discussing future prospects for the islands after 30 years of self-government within the political system of the U.S. Manuel's group concludes that the CNMI lacks a "clear roadmap with a clear set of goals and objectives" in order

to succeed.

"Unless the leaders of the CNMI are able to turn around this treacherous economic recession that we have been in, we would soon find ourselves failing at the opportunity to govern ourselves. We cannot, and we should not, allow such an eventuality to happen," Dela Cruz warned.

Dela Cruz also said his book is characterized by the "personal perspective" it offers about life in the islands from the '50s to the '70s, a feature missing from most books about the history of the Northern Marianas.

Copies of the book were sold for only \$19.95 during the book signing. Proceeds of the book sales last Saturday will go to the American Memorial Park, said Dela Cruz. Regular price of the book is \$21.95.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

JULY 12, 1999

New rules on pet quarantine may court lawsuit

The Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council has warned the Department of Lands and Natural Resources against possible violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act after it reinstated the 120/60-day quarantine requirement for dogs and cats originating from rabies-infected areas. In a letter sent to acting DLNR Secretary Richard B. Seman, Disabilities Council Executive Director Thomas J. Camacho said the quarantine policy violates Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 because it does not provide specific conditions to persons with disabilities who use guide dogs. Camacho asked the department to immediately amend its recently issued regulation to prevent potential lawsuit. "It's imperative that the policy be amended or exempt 'Service animals' such as guide dogs used by persons with disabilities or travelers with visual impairments," he said.

More funds for independent programs eyed

The House Ways and Means began on Friday its deliberation of the proposed FY 2000 budget, pledging to increase funds set aside by the Tenorio administration to a cash-strapped independent program once the government's financial resources improve. Representatives of the charity group Karidat asked the committee for additional funding for the next fiscal year, citing potential huge shortfall in its budget that may hamper the delivery of services to the community. Karidat has been providing assistance to the community, like meals and other basic necessities for alien workers who have been abandoned by their employers, as well as counseling and other needs for troubled youth and victims of domestic violence.

JULY 12, 2000

CNMI urged to monitor dev't in Asian economies

Government and business leaders should remain vigilant on the developments in major economies in the mainland Asia since these are likely to give the CNMI a peek of what is in store for the islands' economy, according to the Department of Commerce. Commerce officials said growth and stability of the United States economy has too little impact on that of the Commonwealth's, especially with majority of businesses on the islands still cater to foreign tourists who are mostly from Japan and South Korea. "Although the CNMI is affiliated with the United States which has been experiencing robust growth in its economy, the same does not hold true for us. Our economy is dictated by events that happen in neighboring Asian countries," DOC's David S. Palacios said.

Fund adds \$3.5-M in its Asian investment

The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund Board has approved the infusion of an additional \$3.5 million into its investment in Asia as the region has shown signs of economic recovery. This brings to \$18.5 million the total money now handled by its money manager Invesco Asia Ltd. in the region. In January 1996, the Fund invested \$15 million in Asia but the financial crisis in the region has brought down the value of its investment to \$6 million in June 1998. As of May 31, 2000, the Fund's \$15 million investment is valued at \$9.8 million. According to Vicente Camacho, NMIRF Board chair, the decision was made by the board directors after meeting with their regional economists and money managers in Hong Kong in October 1999.

JULY 12, 2001

Special program for NMI's diabetics pressed

Over 30 diabetes patients and relatives of persons afflicted with the disease trooped to the "Pacific Diabetes Today" workshop yesterday, where they shared accounts of their encounter with the disease. During yesterday's forum, most of the participants admitted to spending some time in denial that they, of all people, could be afflicted with diabetes.

Some blamed genetics. Others professed they were just probably too lax with their eating and exercise habits. But in general, participants agreed they all wanted to seek an end to the ordeal before its complications lead to fatality.

Better jail programs mulled

Steps to create a Department of Corrections that is separate from the Department of Public Safety gained ground yesterday after the House of Representatives passed on first reading a bill providing for such a distinction. The House Committee on Judicial and Government Operations, to which House Bill 12-375 was referred, said that it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth for criminal offenders to be rehabilitated and reeducated to prevent recidivism. "With such a broad mandate, the committee finds that it is necessary to create a Department of Corrections that is provided with administration and appropriation separate from that of the Department of Public Safety," said Rep. Dino Jones, committee chairman.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The Commonwealth Development Authority will put up for sale, its 2000 TOYOTA TACOMA TRUCK located at its SAIPAN OFFICE. The sell will be made by competitive sealed bids. Minimum bid acceptable for the vehicle is \$3,000 and bids should be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 23, 2010 at the CDA Office, Wakins Building, Gualo Rai. Bid opening and award to the highest bidder will follow right after the 10:00 a.m. closing. All bids will be publicly announced.

All sealed bids must contain the following information.

- Full Name, Address and Contact number
- Bid Amount

Full payment of the bid amount is required before the property can be removed from the CDA Office. Such payment shall be in U.S. Currency or Certified Check made payable on demand in U.S. Currency to the Commonwealth Development Authority. Payment must be received by 3:00 p.m., Friday, July 23, 2010. Failure to make full payment will cause award to be null and void and the next highest bid will be considered.

CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bids or any of them if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CDA.

The vehicle will be sold as is and without warranty. Inspection of the vehicle is recommended and may be arranged with Mr. Joaquin Flores any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays except holidays.

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/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP 10-004

Litigation and Legal Counseling Services

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for litigation and legal counseling services for the institution. Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Wednesday, June 16, 2010 between the hours of 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Proposal Packages are due no later than 4:00 p.m., July 14, 2010, Saipan time at the Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is available to local vendors in this procurement. For Proposers located outside of the CNMI: You may request a copy of the RFP via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmnet.edu).

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Team TakeCare wins sandcastle building contest

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Australian world champion sand sculptor Dennis Mas-soud demonstrated his skills and created a sand sculpture of a mermaid and a young boy.



Members of Team TakeCare, first place; Team Hyatt, second place; and Team Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, third place pose after topping the Sand Castles for Wishes 2010 last Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Beach Park.

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A sandcastle sculpture that features a young girl and her wish to travel around the world earned Team TakeCare the first prize in the Sand Castles for Wishes 2010 last Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Beach Park.

Team TakeCare bested nine other corporate and organizational teams that participated in Saturday's event aimed to benefit the local chapter of Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Nora Sablan of Team TakeCare said their team only thought of their approach and design at the venue itself.

They scrapped entirely the plans they have made previ-

ously and came up with a new one which also incorporated the concept of an amusement park as manifested by the slide in their sculpture, Sablan added.

The team won a wooden trophy and a \$300 check which they donated to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Team Hyatt received \$200 and also a wooden trophy for winning second place. Team Mariana Islands Nature Alliance came in third place and won a wooden trophy and a check worth \$100 which they also donated to the foundation.

Victor P. Camacho, executive director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam, said the donation of the winning groups' prizes was a good show of sports-

manship. "It's awesome and unexpected," Camacho added.

The 10 participating teams were each given a 5'x5' sand plot where they worked on their sand sculpture from 8am to 2pm.

The theme for Sand Castles for Wishes 2010 was "A Child's Wish."

Sandcastles were judged based on which entry displayed the best sculpting skill, had the highest level of consistency/competency, best utilized plot space, displayed the most original and creative imagination, conveyed the theme, and sculpted to the furthest limitations of the sand medium.

Judges for the competition were Australian world champion sand sculptor Dennis Mas-

soud, Camacho, and Make-a-Wish Foundation local chapter board member Desirae Herrera.

Massoud, who conducted an instructional class on sandcastle building techniques before the start of the competition, also demonstrated his skills and created a sand sculpture of a mermaid and a young boy at the venue.

Team Department of Public Health and Team Teen Talk did not make it to Saturday's event since they were short of members.

Organized by Taro Leaf Group, the Sand Castles for Wishes 2010 was presented by TakeCare Insurance. Sponsors for the event were Make-A-Wish Foundation, Hyatt Regency Saipan, GRESCO, Shell Marianas, and *Marianas Variety*.

US Coast Guard rescue crews launch to assist ill fisherman

HONOLULU—Crewmembers aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Rush*, home-ported in Honolulu, are en route to assist an ill crewmember aboard a fishing vessel 500 nautical miles southwest of Oahu, Wednesday.

Watchstanders here in the 24-hour Coast Guard Command Center received a call about noon, Monday from a family member concerned about the health of his brother, the 59-year-old captain of the fishing vessel *Pacific Blue*. The family member reported he was feeling very ill and in need of immediate medical assistance.

The crew of the *Pacific Blue* was 820 nautical miles southwest of Oahu at the time of the initial report.

A crew aboard a HH-65 Dolphin rescue helicopter and a HC-130 Hercules airplane from Air Station Barbers Point, Honolulu, launched to assist this medevac. The rescue aircrew off the Dolphin launched Tuesday about 5pm and landed on the Coast Guard Cutter *Rush* shortly thereafter to increase the HH-65's distance. The rescue crew from the Hercules de-

parted Oahu Wednesday around 1pm. Air rescue crews are scheduled to rendezvous with the *Pacific Blue* and perform a medevac of the ill fisherman.

"There are a lot of moving parts and many people behind the scenes doing great work so we can assist this man as fast as possible," said Capt. Michael McCraw, Chief of the 14th Coast Guard District's Response Division. "From the crew members turning wrenches to ensure our aircrafts are flying correctly to the watchstanders coordinating the search and rescue; everyone is doing all they can to get this man the medical attention he needs."

The *Rush* was diverted from the Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC), the world's largest international maritime exercise, prior to this critical mission diversion. RIMPAC is hosted and administered by the United States Navy, but the Coast Guard plays a key role in the exercise.

For more information about this case, please contact the Coast Guard's public affairs office in Honolulu at 808-535-3230. (USCG)

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The NMI Retirement Fund barred several bills that will get its full support due to the positive impact it would bring to the retirees' pension program.

In the latest newsletter published by the Fund, it disclosed that the agency will fully back legislation that will make government employer contributions a line-item appropriation to each department, agency, or subdivision, rather than as a percentage of defined benefit member payroll.

It also favors any bill that will change the COLA (cost of living allowance) to an annual bonus rather than a compounding increase to pension amounts.

Legislation that will allow members who are vested to refund their contributions subject to a 25 percent penalty is also favorable to the Fund. These

vested members are those Class I members with 15 years of service and Class II members with 20 years of service.

The Fund also favors a stop in the division of the \$1,000 lump sum death benefit among the designated beneficiaries of a member and allow the non-vested members to be converted to the defined contribution plan. These non-vested members include Class I members with less than 15 years of service and Class II members with less than 20 years of service.

Due to financial difficulties, the Fund also called on the Legislature to introduce a bill that would change the disability annuity amount to match the minimum retirement annuity of \$6,000 per year.

It also favors a bill that make payments from the Fund subject to CNMI tax. These payments include pension, disability, and survivor benefits. The addition

of a member to the Board of Trustees who will come from the Commonwealth Retirees Association will also be supported by the agency along with a plan to eliminate surviving children benefits.

All the above ideas are potential legislation that has yet been introduced in the Legislature.

Meantime, the agency said there are five pending legislation that it fully supported:

■ House Legislative Bill 16-13 which recommends that the Legislature shall not increase benefits to members until all government obligations to the Fund have been fully satisfied or the system is fully funded;

■ House Legislative 17-1 which proposes to pass a legislative initiative so that a constitutional amendment can be placed before the voters at the next election and which would allow the government to issue a pension obligation for the ben-

efit of the Fund;

■ House Bill 17-13 which aims to transfer the Government Health and Life Insurance Program responsibilities from the Fund to the Department of Finance;

■ House Bill 17-14 which proposed to transfer the Workers' Compensation Commission responsibilities from the Fund to the Department of Finance;

■ House Bill 17-77 which proposes to allow annuitants' life insurance to be in the same terms and conditions in effect as those for current government employees.

Meanwhile, there are two pending legislation opposed by the agency including the proposed early retirement of members as cited in House Bill 17-27 and to continue to allow early retirees to pay the difference between Class I and Class II employee contributions as proposed by Senate Bill 17-27.

20% savings on lighting due to retrofitting project at Legislature

The Legislative Building on Capital Hill now has an energy-efficient and environment-friendly lighting system following the completion of the lighting fixtures retrofitting project.

"With the new fixtures in place, we anticipate an esti-

mated 20 percent savings on lighting cost," Legislative Bureau Director Glenna SP. Reyes said in a June 25 memorandum to Senate and House of Representative members.

The lighting retrofitting project at the Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building or the Leg-

islative Building, as well as at the Commonwealth Health Center and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, is funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant.

The Department of Public Works and Spectrum Electric inspected the project on June 28.

The Legislative Building, along with the NMI Judicial Building and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, has also undergone retrofitting of its air conditioning units to make them energy efficient and environment friendly. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

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A victory for Boeing

A World Trade Organization panel's finding that the European aviation company Airbus had benefited from years of unfair subsidies is, on its surface, a victory for Boeing and the United States in their six-year quest to force Airbus to compete on a level playing field. Yet it also lays the groundwork for an important precedent that could ultimately help both firms in future disputes against new state-subsidized competitors.

The trade body focused on the support that Airbus has received from European governments to help develop and launch virtually all of its large civilian airplane models. The complex, 1,076-page ruling by the WTO dispute-resolution panel wasn't a slam dunk for either side, leading Airbus to contend that 70 percent of the United States' claims were rejected. Nevertheless, the overall thrust of the decision was unmistakable: Some \$20 billion in low-interest loans that Airbus received were, in fact, impermissible subsidies, and as a consequence Boeing lost sales around the world.

Although the panel called on France, Germany, Spain and Britain to withdraw the offending subsidies within 90 days, it may take years for the WTO to reach a final decision and come up with a way to enforce it. Complicating matters is Europe's WTO complaint against subsidies allegedly given to Boeing by the U.S. government (in the form of research contracts from NASA and the Defense Department) and the state of Washington (in the form of tax breaks). This aid, which Boeing defends, effectively allowed Boeing to shift some of its costs onto the government.

The issues raised by both cases are important, and together they should help clarify what governments can and cannot do to support the aviation industry. Tougher limits on subsidies would assist both Boeing and Airbus—they can raise capital relatively cheaply to develop new products without taxpayers' help, while their competitors in developing nations are more likely to depend on governmental subsidies. That's no guarantee that China and other developing countries will heed the WTO, but it's a start.

Meanwhile, Boeing and Airbus' parent company are battling fiercely over a \$40-billion military contract to build replacements for the aging U.S. fleet of in-flight refueling tankers. The Air Force has said it won't take into account the WTO findings, but Congress undoubtedly will. And it should, although the subsidies issue shouldn't be the deciding factor. As Airbus has noted, both sides' development costs have been underwritten to some extent by their governments. It's important for these companies' bids to be measured by a fair yardstick. Still, the main issues should be the value that the Pentagon and U.S. taxpayers receive for their money, and how much their investment helps the U.S. industrial base.

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Let's roll up our sleeves and go to work

Think about what is written below the next time some of us complain about our economic depression or lineup for food stamp. Think: When am I going to start helping myself? The tools are right here. Think about it!

The CNMI has all the resources to become one of the food baskets of Asia. However, we are sleeping on this industry called horticulture without realizing its great potential. Horticulture is the foundation of a nation. It can be our pathway to great prosperity. Horticulture will also last longer than any manufacturing industry we can create. We always need food. We have tried to do manufacturing and assembly work as seen in the garment industry. We are not, and never will be, an industrial country. The only other major industry we can develop is tourism. We have the potential to develop a larger tourist market if we really try. But the second major industry we can develop is horticulture/ agriculture. Before the Second World War, the CNMI had over 40,000 acres under cultivation. After the war we continued to feed the U.S. military and civilian populations. Saipan had coffee and cacao plantations while Rota grew vegetables insufficient quantity to export to Guam. Meanwhile Tinian had a flourishing livestock industry. Gradually we turned our backs on agriculture and preferred to import most of our food. For various reasons, we lost interest in farming and in grazing livestock. Now we import much of our fresh vegetable, fruits, eggs, chickens and meat. Yet the land is still there waiting for us to return to it. Instead we prefer to import what we could easily grow here and prefer to export out money.

Do you wonder why we are so short of money? We should be exporting our agricultural products and importing money. We have so much untitled land in Saipan, Tinian and Rota that if we were to cultivate it, we could not only feed ourselves but also become a major exporter of our produce and fruits. Unfortunately any of us do not realize the diamonds lying follow under our feet.

Only a few miles away is one of the world's largest markets—the U.S. military in Guam, Okinawa, Japan and Korea. They are obliged to buy U.S. produce and fruits before foreign ones. The size and needs of these markets are staggering. Think of all the troops in Guam, in Japan and in Korea, needing fresh vegetables and fruits daily. Yet we supply nothing to them. It is not necessary to wait for the military buildup. The market is here now. Why aren't we cultivating it?

In fact, an associate of mine and I are already testing selling produce to the U.S. military. We are successfully selling small amounts of locally produced produce. Little by little we are increasing our selection to the Guam military commissary. I have sold shrimp in the commissaries so I know that there is a market. By our combined efforts we can out-produce Guam who is farming less and less daily. Yet, we stand by not realizing the opportunity that awaits us. The farmers and CREES must come together and act on this industry or we will lose this opportunity. I am willing to meet with any group who is interested in cultivating this huge market. Along with examining the agriculture industry, we should also explore the floriculture market. Raising flowers for export will boost our economy in addition to the standard produce and fruit.

Consider the size of the floriculture industry. Today the global trade is over 100 billion dollars! The CNMI is blessed with ideal year-round climate for various flowers, which will sell at premium prices. The next time we buy flowers check the prices and where they are imported from. Here are the names of only a few of the major countries that are currently taking a bite out of this 100 billion dollar floriculture market: Ecuador, Columbia, Ethiopia, Kenya, India, South Africa, Korea, China, Australia, Thailand and Malaysia. Why can't we also enter this lucrative market? Japan and the U.S. would be great markets as possible importers. For example, the

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United States imports over 79 percent of its flowers. Can you imagine flying planeloads of cut flowers to American and Japan? What a lucrative business and all grown and controlled by us! Several years ago, one of the poorest provinces in China began to grow flowers for export. Most of the people had no jobs or income. As a result, they became motivated to raise flowers for export. Today, this one province in China exports flower worth over \$45,000,000 annually. A true story of rags to riches by selling flowers. Korea with its short growing season exports about \$20,000,000 of flowers. Yet, we have year round season and are doing nothing. I could continue relating more success stories about countries raising and exporting flowers, but let's move on to another industry that we seem to have overlooked. We eat eggs and chicken almost daily. Have we checked out the possibility of raising the chickens here and having the chickens make the eggs for us as well as the chicken meat we eat?

A few days ago, I bought a dozen of eggs for about \$2.45. Upon reading the egg container, I noticed that the egg came from California. I thought to myself: From the west coast, the price of the eggs included buyer handling charges and freight costs from the farmer to the shipper to Saipan to the store. Of course, everybody added their own profit margin, which is as it should be." My estimate for the cost of the one dozen of eggs is about \$1 or less that the farmer was paid. In other words \$1.75 was added to the eggs. What would the cost of eggs have been had they laid here by our own chickens? And on top of that the \$1 would have remained here to circulate. The eggs I bought from California must have been at least three to four weeks old. But had they been produced here, they would be at most only a few days old and very fresh. Think about it. We can raise chickens and eggs with little effort. We could also produce chicken meat instead of importing it. We have the space and the resources. Do we have the will and determination to raise chicken and eggs? A huge market is waiting for someone to jump in. These are only three of the great opportunities awaiting us. None of them require huge investments. In addition the United States Department of Agriculture offers huge amounts of grants for these types of industries. It is estimated that by 2025, our world population will surge to eight billion people. Annually out world population is increasing by about 83,000,000 people! This estimate is the major driver for increased food demand.

There are more opportunities that wait, but space here is limited. Let's seriously consider the ones above and give them a genuine try. Prosperity is closer than we realize. There is no greater pride and nothing more gratifying than to savor success earned from the sweat of our brow and the labor of our hands. Yes, tourism coupled with horticulture, producing eggs, raising of chickens, and other livestock can be a salvation of our depressed outside investors. No one can take our achievements away either. They will grow with our need.

Yes, a carefully planned horticulture industry can supply much of our fresh food while importing money into our economy from our food exports. We must get off our "butts" (excuses) and roll up our sleeves and go to work. Prosperity lies under our feet! Think about it and let's act upon it!

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Invasives at the gate

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Scaling our perspective to the street level in our Bike Trail series is very sobering. I put on that cap while I spent a lifetime Saturday morning at the arrival gate of the Ada International Airport. Flights arriving from Japan, China, and Korea come in between 2am and 4am. I was there Saturday to meet a couple of touring visitors who flew in from Dalian to Incheon and landed in Saipan on a Korean airline.

While waiting, I checked the latest *ST* online edition to see syntactical errors we missed; identified three in my column. As ESL writers, we write in the thought patterns of first tongue. Language mirrors the life understanding of its creators and users. Asian tongues are passive, with the subject acted upon by fate's fortune rather as active initiator of deeds, a free subject's response-able faithfulness on one's being, knowing and doing. Asian languages discern gender, tense and number in context.

ST carried news of \$200K earmarked to fence-out the brown snake out of Rota. The news struck me as akin to the quadrillion pesetas it is costing to complete the barbed-wired fence along the U.S.-Mexican border from San Diego to Brownsville. My mind raced to the whole gamut of invasives in the human habitat.

Rats brought in by the cargo ships to Hawaii were later set to be preyed on by the mongoose who multiplied and were in turn strategically controlled by the snake, a lively trio whose co-existence is unorchestrated in Hilo. The brown snake brought to Guam for the same reason now gets fried in electrical wires, but its control spawned a bureaucracy and a budget that even pays for b-boards and hoop rings of island elementary schools.

We are familiar with climbing gourd, a vine from Southeast Asia introduced to control soil erosion in the U.S. south, and as vegetable to Viet-Khmer-Laotian tables on Saipan. The Asian carp introduced in the Midwest jumps up and slaps perceived predators, wreaking havoc to recreational fishers in rivers and streams. It now threatens the Great Lakes' ecological balance. The prolific and predatory *Tilapia*, introduced to eat algae on water reservoir

turbines has been incorporated into the global cuisine, varieties aquacultured to serve discerning palates. Tilapia also badly needed protein to Third World diets.

Instead of spending tons of dough on fencing out invasive pants and animals, we might learn from the Tilapia: make them a pleasant presence in our dining tables! Canton and Taiwan cuisine, which mince bird's nests, shark fins, and lagoon slugs into delicate and delicious soups also do wonders with snakes! Protecting the environment by controlling invasives is an expensive and futile exercise.

DDT was to eradicate mosquitoes. We got sturdy buzzers that outlasted the elephant and the donkey in the U.S. Northeast. In the same vein, we notice the increased incidence of neurological challenge in children, and wonder at the effects of chemical intrusion into our food chain and health remedies.

The Great Wall of China was never impenetrable. Nor will the Great Fence of the Southwest foil the determined Great Unwashed. We could learn from the welcome booths along the 48th degree parallel N but America is not as threatened by the blonde and blue eyes as they are rabid ferals and the strange Mexicali rose.

Which brings us to the invasives at the airport. The USCIS folks are a formidable fence to hurdle, particularly by legally jaded invasives. In printed consular literature states: *"Every alien shall be presumed to be an immigrant until s/he establishes to the satisfaction of the consular officer, at the time of application for admission, that s/he is entitled to nonimmigrant status."* The presumption that guilt holds until proven innocent, is one of the reasons it took the visitors five hours to pass Immigration.

In the old days, who-you-knew or who represented your interest was the determining factor in island entry/exit matters. A few shared moments of cordiality went a long way in untangling bureaucratic immigration Gordian knots. Not anymore. USCIS officers are trained to deselect perceived undesirables with cold-blooded precision in applying the strictures of the law.

Our five-week visitors are a previous island visitor and a high school grad son who just hurdled China's vaunted assessment test, awaiting assignment to one of China's State Universities. Parent is a declared immigrant wannabe and has a long record of visa denials. The parent was adjudged to have previously presented false claims. Such record is automatically flagged in the data base.

The duo later felt severely third degree'd. I explained immigrations mandates (as reflected in the above quote) and procedures. The parent became appreciative of the immigration officer's fairness though officer was rough in questioning. He kept accusing the parent of lying and nothing grabs a Chinese' goat more than being called a liar. (They had come with the strict instruction not to lie, i.e., to avoid being the secretive Chinese who utters face-saving half-truths). The counterpart lady officer was thought to be curt and

timu basis todû mañgontentu gi hilu' ayudu yan kooperason todus. Estague' namagofña i kutturán natibu guine.

Leksion ginen i naftan

Dispues de ha diñgo ham i sinantusan na nanan mame, ha guife un' che'luhu na mattu i amku para u inayuda pumechiñg dos sinku galon na batden hanom. Ha sañgane i amku na polu pot keke'yau i defunta ni putin timoña. Lau ha insiste na para u fan ayuda. Pues ninae' dos batde ya sige i dos papa' para iya siha. 'Nai ha birague para u rikonose si nanan mame, taigue. Lau gaige i dos batde gi hilu chaguan ni ha pechiñg ñaihon. Ha birague' tatte ya guiya umuma i dos batden hanom. Ha faisenyu dispues hafa kumeke ilegña i guinifiña.

Hu apagat i che'luhu na kulan mensahe 'nai ilelegña i amku tohge gi dos adeñgmû sa' taigue-gue esta. Sige tuhu lagoña 'nai ha hahassu todû klasen ayudu ni ninae'gue' nu amku 'nai lalala.

Pinasensia

Hi atrebiyu bumisita 'nos kuantos parientes yan man-atuñgo gi señoñg siha, punta pot punta. Todû klasen felisitasan hu fagchae deste inifresen amotsan taloane, sena, yan kanastran mama'. Hu usune i kanastran mama' pot asuntun kuttura yan tradision.

I mama' mana' sesetbe kulan tani antes de inadiñgan fotmat na asuntu siha. Sige i grasiosu siha na konbetsasion estake mamaisen i dueñon guma hafa finatoña i bisita. Antau yan suabe na konbetsasion ginen dos amku.

Pot ihemplo, ilegña i bisita na gai chinatsaga i lahiña guihe lagu pot apas apartment. Guaha siñienten mina'ase' gi ayu na fina' iniguñg. Dispues sige talu i man-grasiosu siha na konbetsasion. 'Nai ilegña i bisita para u hanau, nina' mantene un' puñot, era hanana'lu i kuentaña i gai gima'.

Estague' na modun mañan mañainata sumen antau yan sumen bonitu. Ha fanunue' hit dobladan to'a na uson palabra, finu, guaha inadahe, motmut pinasensia yan respetu. Repara i modun finu' i bisita. Ha sañgan pot chinatsagan patgoña. I gai kuenta ha komprende i pinedoñg palabra. Oran fabot gi manana'lun dibi gi prohimo 'sino prohima pot nesesidat.

Alakuenta, motmut respetu i natibu kontodu kobransan kuenta siha. Si Yuus Maase'!

tactless sans a heart, rated low on the empathy scale.

Fencing out invasives, factual or imagined, is futile. We read a college poem about the winds of change and how even the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are to be admitted. I go further: "Welcome them." The Earth belongs to all; conduct civilogues and still be firm on the law. On invasive plants and animals, get them on the food chain, and bon appetite! Invasives? Domesticate them. They are an integral part of the planet. On the efficacy of fences, visit the Great Wall of China!

Letter to the Editor

Sorry, the hospital is closed

Its late in the evening. Your child has been having diarrhea and vomiting for two days.

She's becoming weak from dehydration. You're becoming more worried, almost in panic. You rush to the only hospital on the island. You park right at the entrance and dash to the automatic entry doors, clutching your very ill and weakening child.

BAM! You and your child hit the doors when they don't open automatically. Slightly dazed, you realize the doors don't open at all. You bang on the doors yelling for help, yelling for a nurse. No one comes.

You look inside and realize most of the lights are off. And then you see a handwritten note taped to the glass door. It reads: We are sorry but the hospital is closed from 5pm to 8am. Please return in the morning. We apologize; however, we have no nursing staff to keep the hospital open 24 hours.

Is this scenario far-fetched? A year or two ago it would have been inconceivable. Now, however, its edging toward a reality.

With dismay, I read that the nurses in Tinian are not getting paid in a timely fashion. I have had the opportunity over the last five years to occasionally work at THC when their regular providers were off island.

I know these nurses well and can state that they are some of the best nurses with whom I've worked during the last 30 years. Some of nurses have been there for years and are every bit as competent as any well trained nurse you'd find in a big city hospital.

Despite extremely frustrating circumstances during the last several years, these nurses keep the hospital running, have a proven history of dedication, work as a cohesive team, and often end up doing extra work to maintain the hospital and patient care, without the benefit of any extra pay.

The fact that they still work under these conditions speaks highly for their dedication. The fact that they deserve higher compensation for all that they do would be an argument against which only a fool would pursue.

But despite all of this, the nursing staff is not getting paid and, for some, their status is in limbo. THC is a public hospital. The ultimate responsibility comes from the CNMI central government to pay for the staffing. No reasonable person could argue against healthcare as among the top priorities of any REASONABLE government.

Now then let's consider the possibility that the nursing staff will be reduced because of lack of payment, frustration, attrition, etc. Having worked in similar situations in other countries, experience dictates that there are two possible options:

1) they are not replaced, or 2) they are replaced by very cheaply paid, poorly trained third world nurses.

To the fine folks in Tinian, I encourage you to do all you can to retain your current nurses; the alternatives can be a healthcare nightmare, as I have witnessed in other countries with mismanaged and declining economies.

I have tremendous respect for the nurses currently working at THC. The local Tinian government is attempting to retain the nurses, but they have very limited funds. Nearly every aspect of CNMI is under emergency status, giving the power to the governor for prioritizing funding.

With a mere signature, the central government can freeze all discretionary funding to the legislators, boot out unnecessary and overpaid lawyers, consultants, and department heads, and subsequently free up funding to pay for the nursing staff at THC (note: this simple and reasonable concept applies as well to many other folks not getting paid for their work).

Unless priorities change at the highest levels of government, there may come at time in the not too distant future where the inconceivable becomes the reality. Where the backbone of any hospitalthe nursesare no longer working. And where you arrive at the hospital with an ill family member only to find a note on the door: Closed due to lack of nursing staff.

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Gi bonitu na unai iya Garapan, umasoda-yu yan dos talayeru ni manalalaya tiau, laiguan yan taraketiyun. I unu loka, fuetsudu, tatnai lachi 'an ha dagau talayaña. Bonitu na lahe, ganadot ya todû ha pacha maulegña ke todus. Kalagtos mataña, fotmat mampos gi todû ha petsige. Kulan tai tiempu para otdinariu na siñienten tautau.

I otrû mediû etigu, pasensia 'an lache dinagauña ya ti mañgone'. Mañan otdinariu na señoñ ni libianu un' konbetsiasione. Gai asi' gi prohimoña ya ha komprende chinatsagan tautau. Ti todû pinachaña felis ya mas un' lie' hafa sustansian tautau ginen sensian hinimidde ni motmut giya guiya. Animu gi prenibiniyen familiaña.

Hu faisén i mefe'na amanu 'nai umeyag-gue mandagau talaya. Hu atrebi I kuestion sa esta titiñgtiñg i plomu gi hilu tasi. Solu buente patgon Taga muna' siña fuetsaña. Ha oppe-yu sin diten-sion, dispues sige talu kumahat katan. Gi uttimu hanae'yu todû ni kinine'ña. Hu faisén ya hafa para guiya, ilegña, "Chule saina sa' para hagu ennau".






I segundu talayeru dumiskansan ñaihon ya sige ham kumonbetsasion. Humidde yan gai asi' gi man-chatsaga siha. Ha oppe finaisenhu prontu ya hu lie' na mas to'a gi usun liñguahe. Mañan antau segun i pinedoñg finoña siha. Ha lagnos dos puñot tiau ya ha pega gi botsiyuhu. Sige hu dibina i diffiriensia gi dos talayeru.

Makat ta soda' manae' un' tautau todû ni nina' siñan i dos prohimo. Gi finu man-menhalom na mañainata, i Saina esta ha pesa yan ha kompatte hafa para kada unu giya hita. Gi hilu chatkabales na patten ginen hilu, kada unu mattu yan hafa mana'ña 'nai gi ut-

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 86° ▼ 76°	▲ 84° ▼ 77°	▲ 84° ▼ 77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Palau	Partly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Sunny	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 72
Kosrae	Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 75
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 77

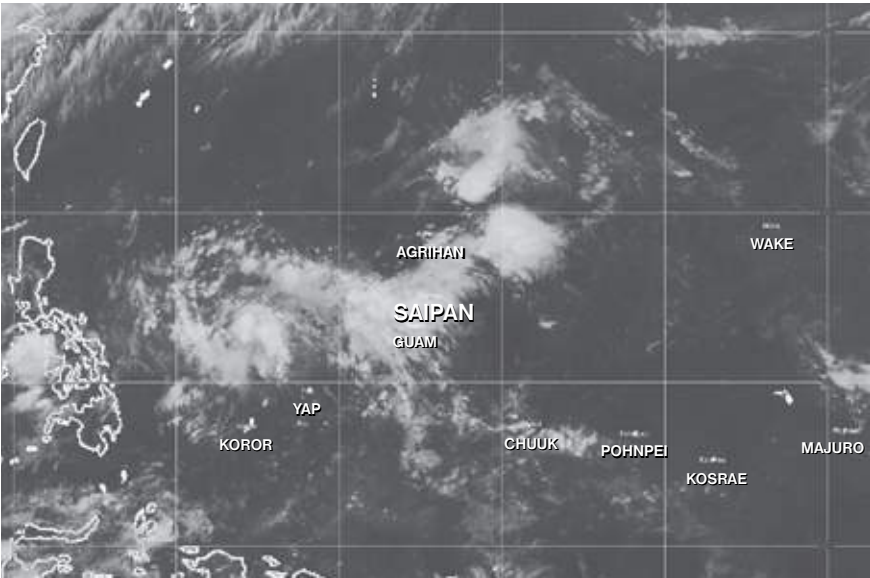
Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲ 59 ▼ 46
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 56
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 76 ▼ 64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 56 ▼ 48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 81
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 91 ▼ 74
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 74
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 60
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 76 ▼ 70
Rome	Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 69
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 52
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63 ▼ 56
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 71
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 76
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 94 ▼ 76

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:49 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	
6:42 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	
2:13 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet	
9:18 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2010

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface circulation is centered north of Koror at 12N134E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring northwest of Yap and north of Koror between 10N and 19N from 130E to 137E. An upper-level trough curves northeastward from 16N136E to upper-level lows centered near 17N143e and 27N148E. Trade-wind convergence is combining with upper-level divergence southeast of the southernmost low and trough to generate scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marianas in an area bounded by a line from 18N137E to 16N144E to 20N151E to 17N152E to 9N144E to 13N137E back to 18N137E. Similar conditions south of the northernmost low are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of Minami Tori Shima between 21N and 25N from 146E to 151E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:54 AM	6:52 PM
Tuesday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:59 AM	7:15 PM
Tuesday	7:04 AM	8:07 PM
Wednesday	8:06 AM	8:54 PM
Thursday	9:06 AM	9:39 PM
Friday	10:04 AM	10:22 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM C09317 4:25am 5:15am Daily C09313 8:30am 9:20am Daily C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm Daily C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily	GUAM-SAIPAN C09316 2:45am 3:35am Daily C09596 7:00am 7:50am Daily C09600 10:05am 10:55am Daily C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
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SAIPAN-NAGOYA DL640 7:40am 10:20am Daily	NAGOYA-SAIPAN DL641 9:10am 1:45am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 5	BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN OZ607 9:00pm 2:20am+1 4, 7
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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) FM844 2:50am 5:40am 2, 6	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN FM843 7:15pm 1:50am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) CZ3008 3:30am 6:40am 2, 6	GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN CZ3007 7:30pm 2:40am+1 1, 5
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Business

Oil unleashed temporarily in attempt to contain it

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Robotic submarines working a mile underwater removed a leaking cap from the gushing Gulf oil well Saturday, starting a painful trade-off: Millions more gallons of crude will flow freely into the sea for at least two days

until a new seal can be mounted to capture all of it.

There's no guarantee for such a delicate operation deep below the water's surface, officials said, and the permanent fix of plugging the well from the bottom remains slated for mid-August.

"It's not just going to be, you put the cap on, it's done. It's not like putting a cap on a tube of toothpaste," Coast Guard spokesman Capt. James McPherson said.

Robotic submarines removed

the cap that had been placed on top of the leak in early June to collect the oil and send it to surface ships for collection or burning. BP aims to have the new, tighter cap in place as early as Monday and said that, as of Sat-

urday night, the work was going according to plan.

If tests show it can withstand the pressure of the oil and is working, the Gulf region could get its most significant piece of good news since the April

20 explosion on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig, which killed 11 workers.

"Over the next four to seven days, depending on how things go, we should get that sealing cap on. That's our plan," said Kent Wells, a BP senior vice president, of the round-the-clock operation.

It would be only a temporary solution to the catastrophe that the federal government estimates has poured between 87 million and 172 million gallons of oil into the Gulf as of Saturday. Hope for permanently plugging the leak lies with two relief wells, the first of which should be finished by mid-August.

With the cap removed Saturday at 12:37 p.m. CDT, oil flowed freely into the water, collected only by the Q4000 surface vessel, with a capacity of about 378,000 gallons. That vessel should be joined Sunday by the Helix Producer, which has more than double the Q4000's capacity.

But the lag could be long enough for as much as 5 million gallons to gush into already fouled waters. Officials said a fleet of large skimmers was scraping oil from the surface above the well site.

The process begun Saturday has two major phases: removing equipment currently on top of the leak and installing new gear designed to fully contain the flow of oil.

NOAA: Gulf seafood tested so far is safe to eat

APALACHICOLA, Fla. (AP)—Shrimp, grouper, tuna and other seafood snatched from the fringes of the oil in the Gulf of Mexico are safe to eat, according to a federal agency inspecting the catch.

To date, roughly 400 samples of commonly consumed species caught mostly in open waters—and some from closed areas—have been chemically tested by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Officials say none so far has shown concerning levels of contaminants. Each sample represents multiple fish of the same species.

NOAA and the Food and Drug Administration began catching seafood species in the Gulf within days of the April 20 BP rig explosion off Louisiana that generated a massive oil spill.

The agency is mostly looking for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs, the

most common carcinogenic components of crude oil.

The first line of defense in keeping tainted seafood from the market is the closing of about one-third of federal Gulf waters to commercial fishing—roughly 80,000 square miles.

Seafood inspectors also have been trained to sniff out oily product. One fish sample has failed the smell test, but did not show concerning levels of contaminants, Kevin Griffiths of the Commerce Department said Friday.

Still, Don Kraemer, who is leading FDA's Gulf seafood safety efforts, said the government isn't relying on testing alone.

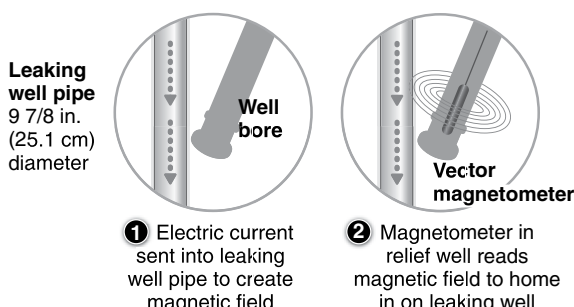
"We couldn't possibly have enough samples to make assurances that fish is safe. The reason we have confidence in the seafood is not because of the testing, it's because of the preventive measures that are in place," such as fishing closures, he said.

Targeting the oil well

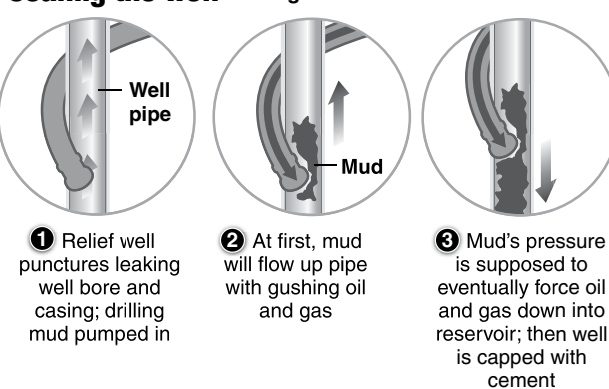
BP has been drilling two relief wells since May in order to intercept the leaking well deep under the seabed and seal it off with mud and cement.

Relief well 1 zeros in Phase began June 23

Drilling slowed at 16,500 ft. (5,029 m) to take "ranging" tests to plot leaking well's exact location



Sealing the well To begin in several weeks

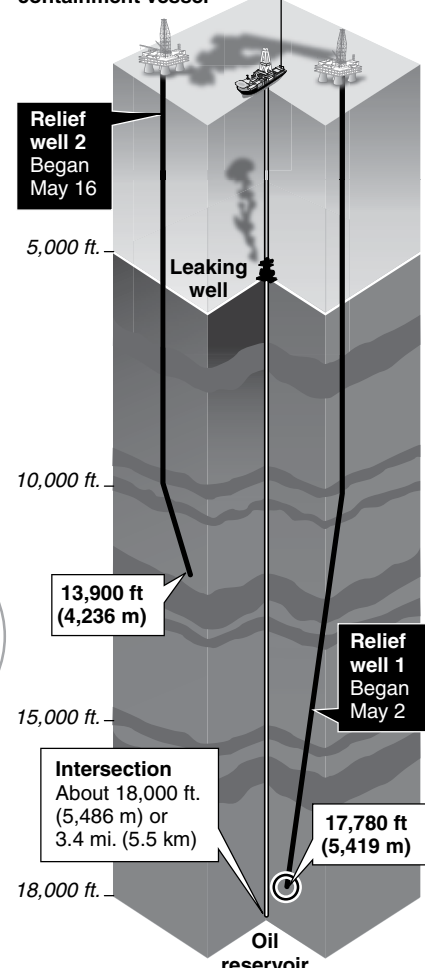


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Progress of relief wells

As of July 7; relief well 2 is a backup

Discover Enterprise containment vessel



BUSINESS BRIEFS

FAA tells airlines to fix cockpit window heaters

WASHINGTON (AP)—Airlines will have to inspect the cockpit window heaters on 1,212 Boeing airliners and perhaps replace the windows under a safety order the Federal Aviation Administration said Friday it plans to issue next week. The window heaters have been tied to dozens of incidents involving in-flight fires, smoke, open streams of electricity known as electrical arcing, and shattered windshields in Boeing planes. In many cases, pilots have made emergency landings. The source of the problem was identified in 2004 as a simple loose screw that chafes power wires where they connect to heating wires in the windows.

China says exports up 35 percent in June

BEIJING (AP)—China's customs agency on Saturday said exports were up 35 percent in June from a year ago, while imports rose almost 53 percent. The figures showed the largest monthly trade surplus so far this year, \$20 billion, despite the debt problems of China's largest trading partner, the European Union. That should keep international pressure on China to further allow the value of its currency to rise, after China last month relaxed the yuan's two-year peg to the dollar. The report said exports rose 35.2 percent in June, higher than expected, while imports were up 52.7 percent. That's compared with the same period a year ago.

1 more round, perhaps, for Boeing and EADS

WASHINGTON (AP)—For the companies vying over the last decade for the Air Force's troubled \$35 billion refueling plane contract, it is try, try and try again. Rival planemakers Boeing and the European defense contractor EADS submitted bids this week, Boeing on Friday, for the chance to build the new refueling plane. It is the latest round in a tussle that has yet to produce a winner and has forced the Air Force to keep up its fleet of planes, some of which are more than 50 years old. And while the Pentagon has said it plans to award a contract in November, the history behind the tanker project shows there are no guarantees.

Toyota lashed out at instructor during big recall

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP)—It's the kind of publicity any university might dream about: An instructor uncovers a possible flaw that's causing some of the world's most popular cars to accelerate suddenly. His ground-breaking work attracts interest from Congress and reporters worldwide.

But as Southern Illinois University's David Gilbert sought to show that electronics might be to blame for the problem in Toyotas, the world's largest automaker tried to cast doubt on

his findings. One Toyota employee even questioned whether he should be employed by the school, which has long been a recipient of company donations.

Electronic messages obtained by The Associated Press show the automaker grew increasingly frustrated with Gilbert's work and made its displeasure clear to his bosses at the 20,000-student school.

"It did kind of catch us off-guard," university spokesman Rod Sievers said.

So did the fallout. Two Toy-

ota employees quickly resigned from an advisory board of the school's auto-technology program, and the company withdrew offers to fund two spring-break internships.

"I didn't really set out to take on Toyota. I set out to tell the truth, and I felt very strongly about that," said Gilbert, who was among the first to suggest that electronics, not sticky gas pedals or badly designed floor mats, caused the acceleration that required the Japanese automaker to recall millions of vehicles.

Toyota insists its relationship with the school remains "strong," and company officials say they have no plans to stop contributing to SIU. They also say the two Toyota representatives who stepped down from the advisory board did so merely to avoid any appearance that the company was exerting influence over Gilbert's testimony.

"We have absolutely no issues with SIU and retain an excellent relationship. That won't change," Toyota spokeswoman Celeste Migliore said.

Struggling states seeking more aid from Washington

BOSTON (AP)—Governors hamstrung by the sluggish economic rebound in their states and bound to balance their own budgets are pressing anew for Washington to step up with more help, some say even if it means adding to the nation's red ink.

Republicans and Democrats alike wrestled with how to capitalize on a fledgling rebound as they talked dollars and sense at their summer meeting just days into a new state budget year and as the economy shapes dozens of gubernatorial races across the country.

"All states still are facing tough fiscal situations even though I do believe we're in recovery," said West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin, a Democrat who's taking over as chairman of the National Governors Association.

Added Gov. Jim Douglas, R-Vt., the outgoing chairman: "Governors have done what is necessary to get through this"—repeatedly cutting budgets, restructuring government, laying off workers and draining rainy day funds.

But both men said states can't continue to climb out of the re-

cession alone, and the NGA renewed its bipartisan appeal for Congress to pass stalled jobs legislation that includes billions of dollars in aid to states.

Just days before the new budget year began in states July 1, the House and Senate failed to complete legislation that would have extended, through June 2011, important parts of the federal stimulus program enacted last year to provide unemployment insurance and help offset recession-driven cuts to education, health care and public safety. The measure offered \$35.5

billion for unemployment benefits for the long-term jobless and \$16 billion for Medicaid, the public health care program for the poor. It also would have added an estimated \$33 billion to the deficit.

Even so, several Democratic governors suggested in interviews and during panel discussions that the short-term gain was worth the long-term pain. But some Republican governors were more tentative in their support, suggesting any aid should be offset by paying for it from other areas of the budget.

Nation

Seventh lawsuit filed over Ariz. immigration law

PHOENIX (AP)—A seventh challenge to Arizona's tough new immigration crackdown says training materials designed to teach police officers how to enforce the law give "vague and ill-defined factors" as reasons to question someone's legal status.

Officers aren't supposed to use a person's race to determine whether there's reasonable suspicion they're in the country illegally.

But the lawsuit, filed Friday in federal court, says the training materials developed by state police bosses allow officers to rely on things like whether a person speaks poor English, looks nervous or is traveling in an overcrowded vehicle. They can also take into account whether someone is wearing several layers of clothing in a hot climate, or hanging out in an area where illegal immigrants are known to look for work.

That will lead to "widespread" racial profiling of Hispanics, the lawsuit says.

"It's like having a law that tells police to go out and arrest all children but to not use the fact that a person looks like a

child," Los Angeles-based attorney Peter Schey, lead counsel for the plaintiffs who filed the lawsuit, said Saturday.

"Rather than training police officers about who is and who is not really deportable, the training materials focus on vague and ambiguous factors, such as

a person's dress or limited ability to speak English or demeanor, whatever that means," Schey said. "An average law enforcement officer using those standards is inevitably going to focus on a person's physical appearance or race while being sure not to say that in his or her report."

Schey estimated that 2 million of the nation's roughly 12 million illegal immigrants are not eligible for deportation because they're in the process of seeking legal status.

The Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, which developed the training

materials, did not return a phone call seeking comment Saturday. Spokespeople at the office of Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, who signed the law April 23 and ordered the board to develop the training materials, also did not return a call seeking comment.

The law, set to take effect July 29, already faces legal challenges from two police officers, other groups and the U.S. Justice

Department, which says the law usurps the federal government's "pre-eminent authority" under the Constitution to regulate immigration.

The law's backers say Congress isn't doing anything meaningful about illegal immigration, so it's the state's duty to step up. They object to social costs and violence they say are associated with illegal immigration.



Protesters march during a rally against Arizona's immigration law, Saturday, July 10, 2010, in Boston.

LA Grim Sleeper suspect had 4-decade arrest record

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The man charged with 10 murders in the Los Angeles "Grim Sleeper" case was arrested at least 15 times over four decades but never sent to state prison despite recommendations of probation officers, including one who urged he receive a maximum sentence because it was a bad sign that a man in his 50s still committed crimes, court and jail records show.

Lonnie Franklin Jr., 57, was arrested for burglary, car theft, firearms possession and assaults. But his crimes never were considered serious enough to send him to state prison or to warrant his entry in the state's DNA database, authorities said.

"He's danced to the raindrops for a long time without getting wet," Detective Dennis Kilcoyne, head of the task force investigating the killings, told the Los Angeles Times.

At a Saturday community forum on the murders, city

councilman and former police chief Bernard Parks said law enforcement and police should not be faulted for their past handling of Franklin.

"That's not unusual," Parks said of Franklin's short sentences and frequent quick releases. He said jails are "constantly evaluating who can be let go to make room."

But Parks, who as police chief from 1997-2002 ordered new examination of cold case files and as city councilman in the area of the killings raised a reward of \$500,000 before the arrest, said he understands frustration from victim's relatives and community.

"If people are dead, there is no consolation, there is no excuse," he said.

Parks said California was slower than many big states in adding property crimes to those where DNA is automatically collected from convicts, and that may have prevented an earlier arrest.

Obama: More post-traumatic stress help for vets

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government is taking what President Barack Obama calls "a long overdue step" to aid veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, making it easier for them to receive federal benefits.

The changes that Veteran Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki will announce Monday fulfill "a solemn responsibility to provide our veterans and wounded warriors with the care and benefits they've earned when they come home," Obama said in his weekly radio and online address Saturday.



Obama

The new rules will apply not only to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, but also those who served in previous conflicts.

No longer will veterans have to prove what caused their illness. Instead, they would have to show that the conditions surrounding the time and place of their service could have contributed to their illness.

"I don't think our troops on the battlefield should have to take notes to keep for a claims application," the president said. "And I've met enough veterans to know that you don't have to

engage in a firefight to endure the trauma of war."

Veterans advocates and some lawmakers have argued that it sometimes could be impossible for veterans to find records of a firefight or bomb blast.

They also have contended that the old rules ignored other causes of PTSD, such as fearing a traumatic event even if it doesn't occur. That could discriminate against female troops prohibited from serving on front lines and against other service members who don't experience combat directly.

"This is a long overdue step," Obama said. "It's a step that proves America will always be

here for our veterans, just as they've been there for us. We won't let them down. We take care of our own."

A study last year by the RAND Corp. think tank estimated that nearly 20 percent of returning veterans, or 300,000, have symptoms of PTSD or major depression.

Duncan: Congress needs to act now on school money

DES MOINES, Wash. (AP)—U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan is urging Congress to act soon to increase education funding because cash-strapped states can't wait until the fall to determine if they must lay off thousands of teachers.

Duncan made his remarks Friday at a forum on innovation in education at Aviation High School in Des Moines, a small college prep school that focuses on science, technology and mathematics.

At the forum, U.S. Sen. Patty Murray said she hopes fellow lawmakers spent their Fourth of July break hearing from parents and teachers, like she did. Murray said if they got the message about

how urgent the school budget crisis is, they will return to Washington, D.C., with the drive to find more money for schools.

A proposal to send billions more to the states has hit a number of roadblocks.

The U.S. House has proposed cutting money from Race to the Top and other Duncan initiatives in order to send \$10 billion to the states to keep 140,000 teachers in the classroom, and about \$5 billion to shore up the Pell Grant program, which helps low-income students pay for college.

Murray and Duncan both said many different proposals to pay for the emergency dollars are on the table.

"He and I have to go back to Washington and make this work," the senator said.

Several dozen teachers and others held signs and chanted outside the school to protest Race to the Top and demand changes in the upcoming overhaul of the No Child Left Behind act. Some people inside the auditorium also expressed skepticism about education reform.

"I'm very concerned. We have a lot of kids who don't know how to engage with schools like this," said Don Rivers, a Seattle man who works for an organization that monitors school improvement. Rivers is also a candidate for Congress in Washington's 7th district.

ACROSS THE NATION

2 Hungarian boat crash victims remembered in Pa.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Friends silently and solemnly dropped white roses into the Delaware River on Saturday in memory of the two Hungarian students who died when the amphibious tourist boat they were riding was struck by a barge and sank. City officials, religious leaders and Hungarian diplomats joined the group of grieving Hungarian exchange students at a memorial service dedicated to 20-year-old Szabolcs Prem and 16-year-old Dora Schwendtner, who drowned after the duck boat capsized Wednesday. "The loss of a young life, of two young lives, is almost impossible to understand and almost impossible to accept," said Bela Szombati, the Hungarian ambassador to the United States. "We stand with you, we stand with the children, the young people." At the end of the ceremony, wreaths and flowers were dropped into the river and a pair of doves were released.

Activists keep Nev. horses from going to slaughter

RENO, Nev. (AP)—With the financial backing of a California winery owner, activists on Saturday purchased almost all 174 horses up for sale at a state-sanctioned auction in Nevada to keep the horses from going to the slaughterhouse. Stephanie Hoefener of the Lancaster, Calif.-based Livesavers Wild Horse Rescue

group aid activists purchased 172 horses for \$31,415. The other two horses were acquired by private individuals for their personal use, she said. "We're excited so many people came together to save the horses," Hoefener said. "This is amazing, and we all feel joyful." The horses were rounded up by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management last month near the Nevada-Utah line and turned over to the Nevada Department of Agriculture for disposal.

Scientists roll out mats to kill Lake Tahoe clams

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP)—Scuba-diving scientists are unrolling long rubber mats across the bottom of Lake Tahoe coves in an attempt to quell a clam invasion that could cloud the world-reknown cobalt waters. The half-acre mats are designed to smother dime-sized non-native Asian clams that can reach populations of 5,000 per square yard. Geoffrey Schladow, director of the Tahoe Environmental Research Center run by the University of California, Davis, said the clams promote so much algae growth that they can turn some coves from blue to green. "They suck in the water and they filter out the algae. Their excretions are highly concentrated packages of nutrients," he said. The scientists carpeted one south shore bay with the rubber mats on Friday. They plan to cover another half-acre soon.

Asia

Japan votes in election seen as test for Democrats

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese voters cast ballots in a parliamentary election Sunday that is viewed as a test of confidence in the ruling Democrats' 10 months in power.

Polls show that Prime Minister Naoto Kan's party will likely lose seats in the 242-member upper house, where half the seats are up for grabs, partly because he has suggested that Japan needs to raise its sales tax in coming years as the country's population ages and shrinks.

The vote won't directly affect the ruling Democratic Party of Japan's grip on power because it has a majority in the more powerful lower house. But a weak showing will undermine its ability to pass legislation and force it to find new coalition partners.

Kan's Democrats swept to power last August, ending 55 years of nearly unbroken rule by the conservatives, promising to slash wasteful spending, rein in the bureaucrats' power and bring more transparency to politics.

In their brief tenure so far, the Democrats have delivered mixed results.

They have put the brakes on many large public works projects considered wasteful, but their first prime minister, Yukio Hatoyama, disappointed voters by breaking a campaign pledge to move a U.S. Marine base off the island of Okinawa and by getting mixed up in a funding scandal.

Kan, a plainspoken former finance minister with a grass-roots activist background, enjoyed an initial surge in approval ratings when he came to



Voters pick candidates and a party before casting their ballots in Japan's parliamentary elections at a polling station in Tokyo, Japan, Sunday, July 11, 2010.

office just a month ago after Hatoyama quit.

Kan has argued that Japan needs to take aggressive steps to tackle its ballooning public debt. If it doesn't, he has warned that the world's No. 2 economy could face a Greece-like fiscal crisis—a comparison that experts say is a stretch because most government bonds are held by domestic investors unlikely to dump the securities.

But his suggestions that Japan should consider raising its sales tax from 5 percent to as high as 10 percent in coming years has dragged down his support ratings, possibly hurting his party's chances in the election.

Over the last several days, Kan has toned down his tax talk, promising

that the Democrats won't raise the sales tax until after the next lower house elections, scheduled for three years from now, saying he wants to seek a public mandate for any decision. He has also spent more time talking about welfare and ways to promote economic growth.

"I promise I won't touch the sales tax until the next lower house election," Kan said Saturday at a campaign rally in western Tokyo on behalf of a Democratic colleague.

"I propose a discussion with opposition parties to find ways to prevent Japan's finances and social security from falling apart. That was my promise, so can I seek your support?"—to which he received applause from the crowd.

Surge of attacks kills 6 US troops, 12 Afghans

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A wave of attacks killed six U.S. troops and at least a dozen civilians in Afghanistan's volatile south and east, as American reinforcements moving into Taliban-dominated areas face up to the fierce resistance they expected.

Increased U.S.-led military operations in the southern province of Kandahar are aimed at trying to break the Taliban's grip where they are strongest by delivering security and government services to win over Afghan people.

The hope is once the tide begins to turn, more control can be handed to Afghan forces without fear the Taliban might again seize power, bring back its harsh interpretation of Islamic law, and resume sheltering al-Qaida terrorist leaders. Then U.S. troops could begin withdrawing in July 2011, in line with a timeline set by President Barack Obama.

Senior U.S. military officers have warned, however, the fight in the Taliban's spiritual birthplace would lead to a rise in casualties for troops. June was the deadliest month of the nearly nine-year-old war, and July has kept pace.

On Saturday, two U.S. troops died in the south in separate roadside bombings. In Kandahar city, a remote-controlled bomb on a motorcycle exploded, setting cars ablaze and shattering windows at a popular shopping center. The provincial government said one passer-by was also killed.

Other American service members died in the east: One as a result of small-arms fire, another by a roadside bomb, a third during an insurgent attack, and the last in an accidental explosion. Their deaths raised to 23 the number of American troops killed so far this month. Last month, 103 international troops died,

60 of them Americans.

In the spring, as NATO began stepping up patrols in the south, Adm. Mike Mullen, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, warned such a rise in casualties would be inevitable. "I think we've been very clear for months now that this was going to be a very difficult fight in the south, and tried to set expectations, as tragic as it is, for these losses," said Mullen, who is Obama's top military adviser.

Progress has indeed proved slow, and the Afghan government is struggling to build trust, with many authorities seen as corrupt or unprofessional. Violence has also escalated as the insurgents work to sabotage Afghan authorities and kill foreign forces, sometimes with dramatic terrorist attacks, but most days with a steady flow of roadside bombs and small attacks.

Curfew reimposed in parts of Indian Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Security forces fired tear gas and used batons to disperse hundreds of rock-throwing demonstrators, leading authorities to reimpose a curfew in parts of Indian-controlled Kashmir. No injuries were immediately reported.

The tension in the Himalayan region—divided between India and Pakistan—was reminiscent of the late 1980s, when protests against Indian rule sparked an armed conflict that eventually killed more than 68,000 people, mostly civilians.

New clashes broke out Saturday between anti-India protesters and government forces in three different areas of Srinagar, the region's main city, a police officer said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

As part of a new clampdown, thousands of troops patrolled Srinagar's nearly deserted streets and most shops

and businesses remained closed. The region's nearly 60 newspapers were unable to publish for a third day.

"We're monitoring the situation closely and will make further decisions accordingly," said Farooq Ahmed, a senior police officer.

The government sent in the army to quell the protests last week. The Indian army had not been used for crowd control since major street demonstrations two decades ago.

Residents say security forces have killed 15 people in recent rallies. Thousands of people carrying black and green protest flags chanted "Indian forces leave Kashmir" as they marched peacefully through the streets.

"Our civil disobedience and peaceful marches will continue until India withdraws its military and paramilitary soldiers from populated areas," said Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, a key separatist leader who led the march.

Flashpoint: Kashmir

Kashmir has been an area of contention between India and Pakistan since the two countries gained independence in 1947.

Behind the dispute

1947-1949 First war over region; Pakistan disputes Kashmir's joining India

1949 Region divided into Pakistani- and Indian-controlled areas

1965 Second war

1972 Cease fire line renamed Line of Control (LoC)

1989 Muslim Kashmiri separatists begin fighting against Indian rule

2002 Troop buildup on both sides of border after parliament in Delhi attacked

2008 Gunmen kill 165 people in Mumbai; India blames militants based in Pakistan

Today Since the start of the insurgency in 1989, 50,000-70,000 people have died, and violence continues

- Militants want India out of the region
- India wants LoC to be an international border
- Pakistan wants Muslim-majority areas to be part of Pakistan



Religion in the region

Indian Kashmir Total pop. 9 million			
	Muslim	Hindu	Buddhist
Kashmir V.	95%	4%	—
Jammu	30%	66%	—
Ladakh	46%	—	50%

Pakistani Kashmir Total pop. 3 million			
	Muslim	Hindu	Buddhist
	99%	—	—

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ASIAN BRIEFS

Tribe reburies Aboriginal warrior killed in 1800s

PERTH, Australia (AP)—The remains of 19th-century Aboriginal warrior Yagan have been laid to rest in western Australia, nearly 180 years after he was killed and his severed head was displayed in a British museum. The private ceremony held Saturday by the Noongar tribe coincided with the opening of the Yagan Memorial Park in Swan Valley, just outside of Perth. "The Yagan Memorial Park is a fitting tribute to the life, struggles and death of Yagan and to the memory of all Aborigi-

nal people who suffered and died in support of their land, culture and heritage," West Australian Premier Colin Barnett said in a statement. Yagan was shot by a European settler in 1833. His body was believed to be buried in Swan Valley but his head was taken to England, where it sat in a museum for a century before being buried in an English cemetery.

Sri Lanka Cabinet minister ends 3-day protest fast

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—A Sri

Lankan Cabinet minister on Saturday ended a three-day fast aimed at forcing the United Nations to abandon an investigation into war crimes allegedly committed during the final months of the country's civil war. Housing Minister Wimal Weerawansa accepted some coconut water offered to him by President Mahinda Rajapaksa to end his fast in a hut outside the U.N. office and was taken away by an ambulance to a hospital. On Friday, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged the government "to take urgent action to normalize conditions"

around the U.N. office, U.N. associate spokesman Farhan Haq said.

NKorea says it's ready to return to nuclear talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea expressed willingness Saturday to return to international nuclear disarmament talks, a sign it is satisfied with the U.N. Security Council's decision to avoid directly blaming it for the sinking of a South Korean warship. South Korea responded to the announcement with caution, saying it wanted proof.

In a presidential statement Friday, the Security Council expressed "deep concern" about the March sinking of the 1,200-ton Cheonan, and findings by a South Korean-led international investigation that North Korea had torpedoed the ship. But it refrained from directly condemning North Korea—something the North had warned could trigger a military response. A peace treaty was never signed after the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with a cease-fire, leaving the two Koreas still technically at war.

World

New photos of smiling Fidel Castro posted on Web

HAVANA (AP)—New photographs of a smiling, tracksuit-clad Fidel Castro greeting workers at a scientific think tank were posted on the blogs of two Cuban journalists and a media website Saturday, offering a rare glimpse of the reclusive revolutionary leader in a public forum.

Castro, 83, appears slightly stooped but otherwise healthy in the pictures, which were said to have been taken Wednesday during a visit to the National Center for Scientific Investigation in Havana.

One set of four photos appeared on the blogs of two official Cuban journalists and apparently were taken with a worker's mobile phone. The former Cuban leader is seen raising his hand to wave in one picture and seemingly being led away in another.

More images from the same event were posted later in the day on Cubadebate, a state-run media website. In those pictures, Fidel is seen laughing and talking with the workers, some of whom line an overhead walkway to wave and clap at him. In one, he leans back casually against a desk, looking animated.

"He is thin but he looks good, and according to our director, he is very good mentally," reads a comment ac-



In this image released on Saturday July 10, 2010 by the state media Cubadebate website, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, left, sits next to an unidentified man during a visit to the National Center for Scientific Investigation in Havana last July 7, 2010.

companying photos on the blog of Rosa C. Baez, a journalist who works for official Cuban media.

The comments were sent to her

along with the photos by an unidentified Cuban worker, who said Castro stopped, said hello and blew kisses to the employees.

"They didn't let us get close to him, but when he left, there were too many people standing around and I was standing just three meters (yards) from

him," gushes the worker.

Those photos were also posted on the blog of Norelys Morales, a well-known Cuban television journalist. Morales told The Associated Press she got them in an e-mail sent to various people by the worker. She would not reveal the worker's name.

Repeated calls to the think tank went unanswered Saturday.

Cuban media are strictly controlled by the government, and the fact the photos appeared on blogs of two official journalists and later on Cubadebate was significant. Cubadebate said the revolutionary icon visited the science center to celebrate its 45th anniversary.

Castro had not been photographed in public since falling seriously ill in July 2006. The illness forced him to turn over power—first temporarily, then permanently—to his younger brother Raul, who is 79.

Photographs of him behind closed doors, usually with a visiting head of state or other dignitaries, have been published from time to time by Cuban media, most recently during a visit in February by Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. In those pictures, Castro looked cheerful and robust.

Spy swap mystery: Cyprus bail jumper who vanished

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP)—The United States and Russia swapped 14 spies with precision, but one piece of the puzzle remains: The alleged spy who disappeared after posting bail in Cyprus.

Did he flee on his own? Get away with help from the Russians? Trick local residents into unwittingly aiding an escape? Meet some other fate?

The public doesn't even know his true name.

The alleged paymaster of the Russian spy ring was arrested June 29 in Cyprus on an Interpol warrant while trying to board a flight to Budapest, Hungary, two days after his 10 alleged co-conspirators were arrested in the United States. His companion, a beautiful younger woman, was allowed to fly out.

But the case dissolved into rumor-

fuelled confusion hours later when the suspect, who called himself Christopher Metsos, vanished after handing over a Canadian passport that claimed he was 54 and got released on bail. Police escorted him to a bank, where he took out euro27,000 (\$33,000) to pay the bail. Late that afternoon, he returned to a hotel and was never seen again.

No one apparently blanched that a man who had been acting like a budget tourist during his 13-day stay in Larnaca had such easy access to thousands in cash.

Metsos was "Defendant No. 1" in the criminal complaint that also named 10 Russian agents in the United States, all of whom were deported to Russia in exchange for four prisoners accused of spying for the West.

"If this man is what they say he was,

he will have had some safe passage or probably turn up in Russia at some point," said Huw Dylan, a lecturer in intelligence at the Department of War Studies at King's College in London.

The brisk exchange of spies Friday at Vienna's airport was the culmination of an idea hatched more than a month ago at the White House, weeks before the Russian sleeper agents were even arrested June 27.

No evidence has emerged that events surrounding the Metsos mystery were linked to plans for a spy swap. American officials had said they were disappointed with his apparent escape. The Greek Cypriot government, in turn, said U.S. officials were slow to provide documents that would have made clear the importance of the suspect in their grasp.

Haiti hospital woes show challenges of recovery

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—It was a simple problem with a novel solution.

Doctors, nurses and technicians at Haiti's most important hospital had not been paid since before the earthquake—causing strikes and staffing shortages, and turning the facility into a dangerously inefficient, rat-infested mess. So in March, the American Red Cross volunteered to donate a small part of the \$468 million it raised for quake relief toward supporting their salaries.

But the \$3.8 million promised to the hospital is only now being delivered after four months of negotiations and red tape. While billions were spent on short-term projects, including medical assistance, doctors' strikes continued and neglected patients at the capital's main medical facility were left to suffer and die.

The breakdown at State University Hospital is a prime example of the difficulty in grinding out a successful recovery. Six months after the magnitude-7 quake leveled much of the city and turned the hospital's courtyard into a grisly open-air morgue, promises to help Haiti become more self-sufficient have produced often frustrating results.

"The intent is there. The money is there. It's just that these are complicated issues," said Louise Ivers of Boston-based Partners in Health, which acted as an intermediary between the Red Cross and the hospital.

Sources involved with the project say the problem came down to clashing styles, needs and timetables. Haitian hospital administrators were trying to please government officials and satisfy angry employees while maintaining control of their institution.

European Space Agency looking closely at asteroid

BERLIN (AP)—The European Space Agency has taken the closest look yet at asteroid Lutetia in an extraordinary quest some 280 million miles in outer space between Mars and Jupiter.

The comet-chaser Rosetta transmitted its first pictures from the largest asteroid ever visited by a satellite Saturday night after it flew by Lutetia as close as 1,900 miles (3,200 kilometers), ESA said in Darmstadt, Germany.

"These are fantastic and exciting pictures," space agency scientist Rita Schulz said in a webcast presentation. She said it would take several weeks before all 400 pictures and all data from the high-precision instruments aboard Rosetta would come through to Earth.

"I am a very happy man," said ESA manager David Southwood. "It is a

great day for European Science and for world science."

Though Lutetia was discovered some 150 years ago, for a long time it was little more than a point of light to those on Earth. Only recent high-resolution ground-based imaging has given a vague view of the asteroid, the agency said.

"At the moment we know very little about it," Schulz said.

Lutetia is believed to be 83.3 miles (134 kilometers) in diameter with a "pronounced elongation," but scientists have been puzzled as to what type of asteroid it is—a "primitive" one containing carbon compounds or a metallic asteroid.

"We are now going to get the details of this asteroid, which is very important," Schulz said. "There will be a lot of science coming from that mission."

WORLD BRIEFS

Cuba Church announces release of 12 more prisoners

HAVANA (AP)—Cuban church officials on Saturday released the names of 12 more political prisoners who will be freed and sent into exile in the coming days under a landmark agreement with President Raul Castro's government, bringing to 17 the total number of jailed dissidents who have accepted asylum in Spain. While there has been no word on when exactly the men will be freed, there are growing signs that a release could be imminent, with the wife of one prisoner saying Cuban officials told her to prepare to leave the country. "They (Cuban officials) called me to tell me to get ready to leave, because they would be around to get us," Barbara Rojo, the wife of prisoner Omar Ruiz, told The Associated Press. Another prisoner, Jose Luis Garcia, was being moved from a jail in

Las Tunas to Havana, said his mother, Moralinda Paneque.

Brazil: Air France jet lands after bomb threat

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—An Air France passenger jet headed from Rio to Paris made an emergency landing in northeastern Brazil Saturday night due to a bomb threat. All 405 passengers and 18 crew members were safely evacuated from Air France Flight 443, said Jorge Andrade, a spokesman for airport authority Infraero. A spokesman for Air France in Brazil said the bomb threat was phoned in to Rio's international airport by a female voice about 30 minutes after the plane took off. The control tower contacted the jet and the decision was made to land in Recife, the Air France spokesman. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter.

The spokesman said authorities had not found any explosives after a five-hour search, and the jet was expected to be cleared to continue to Paris.

Guinea presidential runoff due Aug. 1

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP)—Guinea's Supreme Court says a runoff vote to choose the country's next president will be held Aug. 1. The second round had originally been scheduled July 18, but the Supreme Court has needed more time to sort through fraud complaints. Court spokesman Robert Guilao made the announcement in a statement over state radio late Saturday. According to preliminary results from the June 27 first round, former prime minister Cellou Dalein Diallo garnered about nearly 40 percent of votes cast, compared to just over 20 percent for longtime opposition politician Alpha Conde.

Health & Fitness

ON NUTRITION

Conversation about diabetes

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We were having a conversation in the lobby of the hospital where I work. And I knew right away that retired businessman Bob Dehlendorf is passionate about this topic.

"Do you know what type 1 diabetes is?" he began. "Do you know what it's like to have type 1 diabetes?... every day of the year? ... 24/7?"

I'm a diabetes educator. I work daily with other dietitians and nurse educators to help people manage diabetes. But I do not have type 1 diabetes. I ask him to describe his experience.

"I was diagnosed 30-plus years ago. At the time, I was smoking a couple of packs of cigarettes a day. I was drinking a lot. I would make bacon every morning with three to four eggs. I was completely out of control."

"My doctor came in and said, 'Look. If you want to live, you've got to knock off the smoking and drinking. And change your diet.'"

"That was it," he says. "I quit right on the spot. And my wife and I changed my diet. Then I had to begin to live life over again as a type 1."

Unlike type 2 diabetes in which the body produces insulin that does not work effectively, in type 1 diabetes the pancreas stops making insulin—the hormone that helps transfer energy (glucose) from food into the cells of the body. Without insulin, glucose builds up in the blood and body tissues become starved for energy. To survive, people with type 1 diabetes require several injections of insulin every day of every year for the rest of their lives.

What diet changes did he make?

"It goes back to my upbringing in the Depression—all things in moderation. And I live a physical life ... that is extremely important," Dehlendorf, now 79, still plays tennis three times a week.

"In spite of all this, I was in the hospital emergency room recently. I was down for the count for the third time in six weeks with hypoglycemia" (dangerously low blood sugar levels).

"I am very prone to hypoglycemia," Dehlendorf continues. He shows me his backpack that he carries with him at all times with "what I need to survive"—insulin, glucose gel (fast-acting sugar source to treat low blood sugar reactions), glucagon kit to quickly bring up blood sugars "when you really get low," fruit bar, candy bar, and a well-used notebook with daily details of blood glucose testing, carbohydrate content of foods, and insulin doses.

"I also carry phone numbers ... and extra batteries for my blood glucose meter ... for backup."

Getting good control of diabetes is "like fencing in the fog," Dehlendorf says. Even though we have knowledge about how to treat diabetes and prevent the serious complications, "we need to find ways to increase the depth of our knowledge and come up with solutions to beat this. If we don't, Katie bar the door."

"It's got to be education," Dehlendorf says. "You have to get into it intellectually as well as physically."

I tell him about the diabetes education program at our hospital that is a covered benefit of Medicare and other insurance plans. And we agree to talk further about ways to educate people about diabetes.

He ends our conversation with the reason for his passion. "We don't live in a cocoon ... we impact the lives of others. And if I can save one person's life ... that's my goal ... that would be a miracle."

Barbara Quinn is a registered dietitian and diabetes educator at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula in Monterey, Calif. She is the author of "The Diabetes DTOUR Diet" (Rodale, 2009). E-mail her at bquinn@chomp.org.

Get moving: Cancer survivors urged to exercise

WASHINGTON (AP)— Cancer survivors, better work up a sweat.

New guidelines are urging survivors to exercise more, even—hard as it may sound—those who haven't yet finished their treatment.

There's growing evidence that physical activity improves quality of life and eases some cancer-related fatigue. More, it can help fend off a serious decline in physical function that can last long after therapy is finished.

Consider: In one year, women who needed chemotherapy for their breast cancer can see a swapping of muscle for fat that's equivalent to 10 years of normal aging, says Dr. Wendy Demark-Wahnefried of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

In other words, a 45-year-old may find herself with the fatter, weaker body type of a 55-year-old.

Scientists have long advised that being overweight and sedentary increases the risk for various cancers. Among the nation's nearly 12 million cancer survivors, there are hints—although not yet proof—that people who are more active may lower risk of a recurrence. And like everyone who ages, the longer cancer survivors live, the higher their risk for heart disease that exercise definitely fights.

The American College of Sports Medicine convened a panel of cancer and exercise specialists to evaluate the evidence. Guidelines issued this month advise cancer survivors to aim for the same amount of exercise as recommended for the average person: about 2 1/2 hours a week.

Patients still in treatment may not feel up to that much, the guidelines acknowledge, but should avoid inactivity on their good days.

"You don't have to be Lance Armstrong," stresses Dr. Julia Rowland of the National Cancer Institute, speaking from a survivorship meeting this month that highlighted exercise research. "Walk the dog, play a little golf."

But how much exercise is needed? And what kind? Innovative new studies are under way to start answering those questions, including:

■ Oregon Health and Science University is training prostate cancer survivors to exercise with their wives. The study will enroll 66 couples, comparing those given twice-a-week muscle-strengthening exercises with pairs who don't get active.

Researchers think exercising together may help both partners stick with it. They're also testing if the shared activity improves both physical functioning and eases the strain that cancer puts on the caregiver and the marriage.

"It has the potential to have not just physical benefits but emotional benefits, too," says lead researcher Dr. Kerri Winters-Stone.

■ Demark-Wahnefried led a recent study of 641 overweight breast cancer survivors that found at-home exercises with some muscle-strengthening, plus a better diet, could slow physical decline.



Ed Ritt, right, helps his wife, Bobbie, up after pushups at a couples exercise class for cancer patients, Thursday, June 24, 2010, at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Ore.

■ Duke University is recruiting 160 lung cancer patients to test if three-times-a-week aerobic exercise, strength training or both could improve their fitness after surgery. Lung cancer has long been thought beyond the reach of exercise benefits because it's so often diagnosed at late stages.

Medicine now certifies fitness trainers who specialize in cancer survivors.

But anyone starting more vigorous activity for the first time or who has particular risks—like the painful arm swelling called lymphedema that some breast cancer survivors experience—may need more specialized exercise advice, Schmitz says. They should discuss physical therapy with their oncologist, she advises.

For example, Schmitz led a major study that found careful weight training can protect against lymphedema, reversing years of advice to coddle the at-risk arm. But the average fitness trainer doesn't know how to safely offer that special training, she cautions.

Mary Lou Galantino of Wilmington, Del., is a physical therapist who specializes in cancer care—and kept exercising when her own breast cancer was diagnosed at Penn in 2003. Then 42, she says she was on the treadmill within 24 hours of each chemo session, to stay fit enough to care for her two preschoolers.

"You can feel more energy" with the right exercise, says Galantino, a physical therapy professor at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. "I was giving my body up to the surgeons and chemo, but I could take my body back through yoga and aerobic exercise."



Ed Ritt, right, and his wife, Bobbie, do warmup exercises at a couples exercise class for cancer patients, Thursday, June 24, 2010, at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Ore.

But Duke's Dr. Lee Jones notes that thousands who are caught in time to remove the lung tumor do survive about five years, and he suspects that fitness—measured by how well their bodies use oxygen—plays a role.

People with cancer usually get less active as symptoms or treatments make them feel lousy. Plus, certain therapies can weaken muscles, bones, even the heart. Not that long ago, doctors advised taking it easy.

Not anymore: Be as active as you're able, says Dr. Kathryn Schmitz of the University of Pennsylvania, lead author of the new guidelines.

"Absolutely it's as simple as getting up off the couch and walking," she says.

Exercise programs are beginning to target cancer survivors, like Livestrong at the YMCA, a partnership with cycling great and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong's foundation. The American College of Sports



Bobbie Ritt, right, watches as her husband, Ed Ritt, lifts weights at a couples exercise class for cancer patients, Thursday, June 24, 2010, at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Ore.

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In this June 8, 2010 photo, Tecia Esposito, left, watches a computer monitor during the filming of a television commercial at Birmingham High School football field in Los Angeles.

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Calif. schools seek Hollywood deals to raise cash

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In an era of yawning budget deficits and teacher layoffs, schools in the Los Angeles area are looking at a nontraditional source for some extra cash—Hollywood.

School districts from Lawndale to Glendale are seeking to earn thousands of dollars a day from renting their campuses as locations for movies, TV shows, commercials, and even truck parking.

The money is being used to save teachers' jobs, upgrade school facilities and replenish districts' dwindling funds.

"Schools have historically been re-

luctant to make themselves available, but now they're falling over themselves," said Scott Graham, leasing director for the sprawling 1,000-school Los Angeles Unified School District. Officials at FilmLA, the Los Angeles film promotion nonprofit, say they've had a flurry of inquiries from cash-strapped districts in recent months asking how they can market themselves to production companies.

The spike of interest from schools is coming at an opportune time. Youth networks such as the Disney Channel and MTV are moving away from re-

ality shows to scripted programs that often feature kids at school, said Trisha Edgar, FilmLA's property management manager.

To serve the increased demand from both schools and producers, FilmLA recently rolled out a new website featuring photos of campuses and a description to make it easier for location managers to find what they're looking for, whether a football field, classroom or cafeteria.

Hollywood has filmed at some of Los Angeles' architectural standout schools for decades. Viewers have seen

the classic red brick-Ivy League look of El Segundo High School in the 1955 drama "Blackboard Jungle," and the TV sitcom that launched Will Smith, "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." Torrance High School's graceful Spanish-style arched walkways served as backdrop for TV shows "90210," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Medium."

In West LA, University High School starred in the romantic comedy "Valentine's Day," released earlier this year, and the 2003 Jim Carrey comedy "Bruce Almighty." Not all schools allow movie shoots because of the disruption a crew can bring to campus. But with state education cuts resulting in thousands of teacher layoffs and furloughs for the third year in a row, filming is looking more appealing for Los Angeles-area schools.

"Any additional revenue is more critical than ever," said John Vinke, associate superintendent of Lawndale Unified School District, which has had sporadic productions at its nine schools through the years but is hoping to land more regular gigs through FilmLA.

School officials who permit movie shoots say it nets them big bucks. They

get paid location fees ranging from Los Angeles Unified's \$3,100 per day to Torrance's \$5,500, plus sundries such as cleanup.

With more schools signing up for filming and ramped up promotion through FilmLA, Los Angeles Unified has earned the most it's ever made from filming this school year—\$1.5 million from last July through March.

FilmLA takes a 16 percent commission for arranging the deals, the host school keeps three quarters of the remaining amount and the district takes the rest.

With movie money paying for everything from pools to playgrounds to some teacher salaries, some schools go to considerable lengths to accommodate filming.

El Segundo High Principal Jim Garza removed the school's palm trees so the campus would look less "Southern California" and fit a wider location demand.

At University High in Los Angeles, interiors and exteriors were painted, floor tiles replaced, landscaping overhauled and classes and lockers moved for "Drillbit Taylor." The school earned \$90,000 for the 2008 comedy starring Owen Wilson.

New Palin biography aimed at 9- to 12-year-olds



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In this June 29, 2010 file photo, former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin speaks in Duluth, Ga. Palin has endorsed Joe Miller, a tea party backed candidate who wants to turn fellow Republican, Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, out of office.

Anne Frank story published as graphic novel

AMSTERDAM (AP)—The Anne Frank House Museum launched a graphic novel version of the teenage Jewish diarist's biography Friday, hoping to bring her story and death in a Nazi concentration camp to a wider audience.

Spokeswoman Annemarie Bekker said the publication is aimed at teenagers who might not otherwise read Anne Frank's diary, already the most widely read document to emerge from the Holocaust.

"Not everyone will read the diary," she said. "The one doesn't exclude the other."

Using the style of comic books to illustrate serious historical topics, even genocide, is not new. "Maus," Art Spiegelman's graphic biography of his father, a survivor of the Auschwitz death camp, won a special Pulitzer Prize in 1992.

The Anne Frank biography, authorized by the museum, is a collaboration between American author Sid Ja-



AP

A visitor looks at a comic book of Anne Frank at the Anne Frank House Museum in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Friday, July 9, 2010.

cobson and artist Ernest Colon. They also co-produced a best-selling graphic novel, The 9/11 Commission Report.

Publisher Hill & Wang will launch the graphic narrative in the U.S. later this month and MacMillan in Britain in the fall. Translations in German, French and Italian also are planned.

Bekker said the biography would be included with classroom teaching materials about World War II. The museum decided to commission the work after the success of a similar educational project, "The Search," about a fictional family in hiding.

Anne Frank wrote the diary from her 13th birthday shortly before her family went into hiding from the Nazis, and during the two years she and her family remained in a concealed apartment in Amsterdam. It was published after the war by her father Otto Frank, the only survivor. Anne Frank died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945.

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—You might call it Sarah Palin's introduction to the cubs.

A biography of the former Alaska governor and self-described "mama grizzly" is set for release in September by Christian book publisher Zondervan.

"Speaking Up: The Sarah Palin Story," is one in a series of biographies aimed at 9- to 12-year-old readers. Others feature 2007 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow and U2 frontman Bono.

Kathleen Kerr, an acquisitions editor for Zondervan's Zonderkidz division, said the subjects are prominent figures who children hear about in the news and role models for tweens who are "working for the betterment of the world in which we live and who are motivated primarily by their Christian faith."

Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee, has often referred to her faith and what she sees as her calling to public service. Palin has credited God with readying her

heart for the birth of her youngest child, Trig, who has Down syndrome. At one time, Palin said, she wasn't sure if she would be patient enough, but those doubts dissipated when he was born.

The biography by Grand Rapids, Mich.-based Zondervan is unauthorized. Author Kim Washburn said she was unable to interview Palin and didn't speak with anyone close to her.

A Palin aide did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment Friday.

Washburn said she researched previously published material, including Palin's best-selling memoir, "Going Rogue: An American Life," and news articles, many of which Washburn said were "really polarized" and complicated her efforts to focus more on the personal side of Palin than on the political side.

She said she was struck by Palin's work ethic and her independent streak—something she believes will resonate with young girls.

Come on, baby! Checker marks 50 years of the Twist

P**HILADELPHIA** (AP)—Fifty years to the day after the release of the hip-swiveling tune “The Twist,” the man who made it famous celebrated the occasion in his hometown.

Chubby Checker performed Friday at a free noontime concert at Philadelphia City Hall. About 1,000 people joined in on

the gyrations, some even invited onstage by the South Philadelphia-bred singer. “The Twist,” released as a

single on July 9, 1960, burst into the rock ‘n’ roll stratosphere after Checker performed it for Dick Clark on his Philadelphia-

Roy Rogers auction in NYC offers Trigger’s remains



Gil Perez, right, a doorman at Christies auction house, wears an outfit and holds a guitar belonging to Roy Rogers as he stands alongside the preserved remains of Rogers' horse “Trigger” and dog “Bullet” at the New York auction house, Friday, July 9, 2010.

NEW YORK (AP)—The smell of horses and hay permeated the marble-floored galleries at Christie’s in Manhattan Friday as potential bidders previewed items including the preserved remains of movie cowboy Roy Rogers’ famous horse Trigger.

The auction house is selling items from the now-closed Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Museum in Branson, Mo., next Wednesday and Thursday.

Unlike the fine furniture, paintings and jewelry that Christie’s is famous for, the centerpiece of this auction is a stuffed and mounted horse rearing on its hind legs. It also will feature another type of horsepower—Rogers’ 1964 Bonneville convertible adorned with collectible silver dollars, its door handles and gear shift replaced by silver-plated pistols.

The car is estimated to draw \$100,000 to \$150,000. Trigger is expected to fetch \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Other items for sale include: Rogers’ and Evans’ performance outfits; the preserved remains of Rogers’ dog, Bullet;

about 60 pairs of cowboy boots; the Rogers family dining table; and the Jeep “Nellybelle” from the Roy Rogers TV show.

Michel Bettigole, 70, a prospective buyer who attended the preview, called Rogers one of his heroes and said he grew up watching him chase down bandits on the big screen.

“But there was never any violence,” he said. “He always shot the gun out of the bad guy’s hand. It was good morals.”

Hundreds of items will be offered for sale, many of them with estimated prices in the low hundreds. Hand-drawn music for the theme song “Happy Trails” has a pre-sale estimate of \$300 to \$500. So does a group of two Rogers’ guitars.

Bettigole was skeptical about some of the estimates.

“A Roy Rogers watch that Roy Rogers wore for \$400? Forget about it!” he said.

Cathy Elkies, Christie’s director of iconic collections, said the estimates are based on the intrinsic values of the items, but prices could go much higher.

“What someone wants to pay

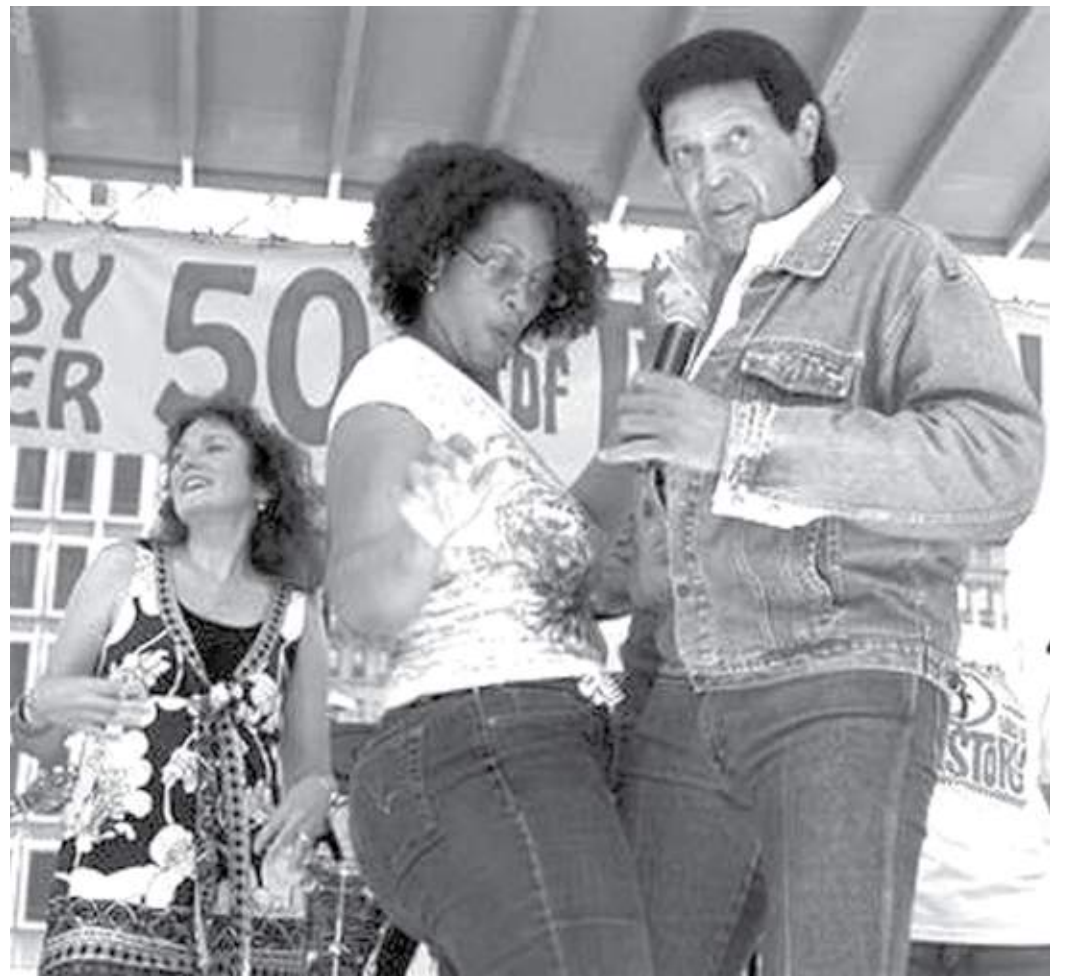
for something Roy Rogers had, that’s the wild card,” she said.

Christie’s has been overwhelmed with calls from everyone from museum representatives to Roy Rogers fans who wanted a piece of the King of the Cowboys, said Linda Kohn-Sherwood, who is helping oversee the sale. Part of Rogers’ appeal was his charitable image outside the studio. He and Evans adopted several children and started a foundation for children in need.

“They were the Brad and Angelina of the time,” Kohn-Sherwood said.

Near the entrance at Christie’s Friday, doorman Gil Perez, 58, got to be the famous cowboy for a day. Perez wore one of Rogers’ red, embroidered performance shirts and toted a Roy Rogers guitar as he welcomed visitors to the gallery. He said he got his lucky break because he was about the same size as Rogers.

“I’m so honored, because I grew up watching him,” he said. “But there’s no way I’m trying to imitate him, because there’s only one Roy.”



A member of the audience dances on stage with recording artist Chubby Checker during a concert celebrating the 50th anniversary of the release of the song, “The Twist” in Philadelphia Friday July 9, 2010.

based “American Bandstand.”

Checker’s 1960 cover version of the Hank Ballard and the Midnighters song—released a year earlier to mild success—became a smash hit and turned the dance into a pop culture touchstone. It remains the only single to reach No. 1 on the U.S. charts during two separate runs, in 1960 and again in 1962.

The dance popularized couples dancing apart to the beat of the music, a revolutionary idea that’s now the norm, Checker said.

“When you’re on the floor dancing to Lady Gaga, Chubby

Checker is there,” he said.

The trim 68-year-old singer, clad in a denim jacket and skintight jeans, performed some of his other dance-craze hits including “The Fly,” “Pony Time” and “The Hucklebuck,” a dance with some suggestive hip thrusts that Checker executed with ease.

“Back in the 60s, you couldn’t do the hucklebuck because it was nasty,” Checker told the crowd. “It’s 2010; everything’s nasty, so we’re going to do it.”

Checker brought groups of fans onstage throughout the concert. Ages, sizes and senses

of rhythm varied widely, but no one was short of enthusiasm.

He also sang a medley of other singers’ hits from the era, from Chuck Berry and Little Richard to The Beatles’ “I Saw Her Standing There.”

The finale, of course, was “The Twist,” which kept the crowd going despite temperatures around 90 degrees. “If you ain’t moving to this, well, then, you’ve got to be dead,” said Martin Jackson, 59, as he held his cell phone aloft so his sister in Washington, D.C., could listen in. “This is the 12-bar blues right here. That’s what it’s all about.”

Son of NYC mobster Mickey Spillane falls to death

NEW YORK (AP)—The son of murdered Irish mobster Mickey Spillane tumbled out the window of his sixth-floor apartment in a fatal fall Saturday, police and his uncle said.

Robert “Bobby” Spillane, an actor who had roles on television’s “Rescue Me” and “Law & Order,” fell from his Midtown Manhattan apartment in the Hell’s Kitchen neighborhood near Times Square where his father, not to be confused with the pulp fiction writer of the same name, had run rackets back in the 1960s and 1970s.

No criminality was suspected in Bobby Spillane’s death.

Jim McManus, Spillane’s uncle and a longtime neighborhood power broker, called Spillane’s death a “terribly sad accident.”

“He was the nicest kid in the

world,” said McManus, who is a district leader of the McManus Midtown Democratic Association, a political club. “He helped everyone.”

Spillane, with one arm in a sling, had leaned on the screen of an open window to call out to his brother, Michael, who was on a street below, McManus said. The screen collapsed and Bobby Spillane fell, McManus said the brother told him.

“The screen gave out,” McManus said. “He only had one arm and he went out with the screen.”

The New York Police Department could not confirm that Spillane fell through a window after a screen collapsed. Officers and medics responded to a call on Eighth Avenue in the Hell’s Kitchen neighborhood about 7:45 a.m. Spillane was pronounced dead at the scene.

‘The Mosquito Net’ wins at Karlovy Vary Film fest

PRAGUE (AP)—The Spanish movie “The Mosquito Net” has won the top prize at the 45th International Film Festival in the Czech spa town of Karlovy Vary, or Carlsbad.

The film is directed by Augusti Vila and features Geraldine Chaplin in a silent role. It examines the life of a well-off urban family whose members suffer from various guilt complexes.

The movie was chosen from 12 contenders for the Crystal Globe by the festival’s seven-member jury, led by U.S. producer Ron Yerxa. Saturday’s award includes a \$30,000 in cash.

Website says Gibson rant audio not the last word

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The two-minute clip of Mel Gibson using a racial slur and calling his ex-girlfriend a “whore” during an argument are unlikely to be the last ugly words the public hears from the actor.

RadarOnline.com, the celebrity website that posted the recording Friday, says there’s more where that came from.

For 10 days, the site has posted written transcripts of secret recordings it said Gibson’s former girlfriend, Russian singer Oksana Grigorieva, had made. The snippet released Friday is the first audio of the confrontations that have been aired. The clip includes segments in which a voice that sounds distinctly like the Academy Award winner is heard telling Grigorieva that she is dressing too provocatively and that it would be her fault if she were raped. He uses the N-word at one point, and the recording is laced with his profanity.

Shortly after the posting, entertainment news outlets reported that Gibson had been dropped by talent agency William Morris Endeavor, although that decision appeared to have been made days ago. The agen-

cy did not return phone calls and an e-mail seeking comment.

David Perel, RadarOnline’s founder and executive vice president, told The Associated Press that the site had heard “a substantial portion” of 30 minutes of recordings Grigorieva had made. Perel said more audio clips will likely be released in coming days.

The site reported the 40-year-old made the recordings because she was afraid Gibson might harm her.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department is investigating allegations that Gibson was involved in a domestic violence incident with Grigorieva, with whom he has an 8-month-old daughter. That inquiry is expected to take several weeks before it reaches prosecutors, who will decide whether to press charges.

Gibson’s camp, for its part, remained silent Friday about the recording. Spokesman Alan Nierob did not issue a comment on the audio’s contents.

Grigorieva’s attorney, Marci

► In this Feb. 4, 2010 file photo, Mel Gibson and Oksana Grigorieva arrive at the “Edge Of Darkness” Premiere in Paris. AP



J-Lo cancels controversial north Cyprus show

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—Jennifer Lopez called off a controversial birthday show in the breakaway north of Cyprus, provoking celebrations Friday by Greek Cypriots while Turkish Cypriots denounced the move.

The furor over a luxury hotel inauguration showed how easily bitter rivalry can flare up between Cypriots across the ethnic divide, even as the two sides are locked in fruitless peace talks.

Reports that Lopez would perform at a hotel in the breakaway Turkish north on her 41st birthday this month triggered a Greek Cypriot online campaign pushing for cancellation.

Greek Cypriots viewed Lopez’s July 24 appearance as helping legitimize the Mediterranean island’s violent division. Cyprus was split into a Greek speaking south and a Turkish speaking north in 1974 when Turkey invaded following a coup by supporters of union with Greece.

Turkish Cypriots declared an independent state in 1983 that is only recognized by Turkey, which maintains 35,000 troops there. Both sides have come closer in recent years, but hopes are fading that long-drawn peace talks can reach a reunification deal any time soon.

Cyprus joined the European Union in 2004, but the north remains out in the cold without direct flights or trade links with the outside world.

An official at the Cratos Premium hotel near the northern coastal resort of Kyrenia told The Associated Press that Lopez had signed a contract to perform as part of opening celebrations and would have



In an April 27, 2010 file photo actress Jennifer Lopez poses during a photo-call for the movie “The Back-up Plan” in Madrid, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. AP

arrived “with her friends and family.” Reports said Lopez would earn a \$3 million appearance fee.

Attempts by the Associated Press to contact Lopez’ publicist and confirm details of the New York-born star’s appearance went unanswered.

But a statement on the singer and actress’ official website on Thursday said her advisers

decided against her appearance after “a full review of the relevant circumstances in Cyprus.”

“Jennifer Lopez would never knowingly support any state, country, institution or regime that was associated with any form of human rights abuse,” the statement said. It added that it was a team decision “that reflects our sensitivity to the political realities of the region.”

Greek Cypriots on Friday hailed Lopez’s withdrawal as “a victory” and heaped praise on the star on social networking site Facebook.

One entry on a dedicated forum titled, ‘Against Jennifer Lopez Performing in Occupied Cyprus’ read: “Thank you Jennifer!! You are true champion of Morality, Human Rights, Democracy and Freedom!”

Greek-American groups such as the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association weighed into the controversy, urging Lopez to call off the show.

The group’s president, Nicholas Karacostas, called news of Lopez’s Cyprus gig “sad and disheartening” and warned that her celebrity would be “used to lend credence to an illegal entity.”

But the cancellation drew scorn from Turkish Cypriots, who saw it as part of a Greek Cypriot campaign to keep them isolated.

“Once again the Turks suffer from continued embargoes,” said one post from the Facebook forum. “Jennifer Lopez is coming ... my Greek friends live with it.”

Another said: “A very bad day for reunification chances. Might as well build a huge wall down the middle of the island.”

Levine, also did not return a phone message seeking comment.

It is the second high-profile incident in which Gibson has been accused of using slurs and degrading women. He apologized after his drunken driving arrest in 2006 after it was revealed by another celebrity website, TMZ, that he had made anti-Semitic and sexist comments.

In the recordings released Friday, the actor is heard criticizing Grigorieva, 40, for the way she dresses. He accuses her of lying to him about having breast implants.

“They just look stupid,” Gibson tells her at one point in the recording. “Keep them if you want to. They look like a Vegas bitch, a Vegas whore.”

“You look like a (expletive) bitch in heat, and if you get raped by a pack of (N-word), it will be your fault,” Gibson is heard telling Grigorieva. “You provoked it. You are provocatively dressed.”

It is unclear when the recording was made or in what context. It opens with Gibson discussing breast feeding of their now 8-month-old daughter. Toward the end, Gibson indicates he is done with the relationship.

“I don’t trust you,” the actor is heard saying. “I don’t love you. I don’t want you.”

The former couple have been locked in a bitter custody dispute in Los Angeles. Records in the court case, which may include the audio recordings, remain sealed.

Perel said RadarOnline has verified it is Gibson on the recording.

The website, owned by American Media Inc., which also owns the National Enquirer, did not say how it obtained the tapes. Perel told the AP the site did not pay for the recordings and that they did not come from Grigorieva.

He said the site felt it was an important story to publish, despite the disturbing content. He said in some of the recordings, Gibson and Grigorieva’s infant daughter can be heard screaming in the background.

The screaming is not present in the audio released Friday.

“We felt it was so newsworthy and so explosive we simply had to report what we heard,” Perel said.

“It is shocking, not only for content—which is horrific—but for tone,” he said. “It is one of the most vile things we have ever heard.”

Biden tells Leno US did fine in Russian spy swap

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—Vice President Joe Biden had to convince a skeptical Jay Leno that the United States didn’t get a raw deal from Russia in the biggest spy swap since the Cold War.

Leno asked Biden Friday during a taping of “The Tonight Show” why the U.S. was sending 10 accused spies back to Russia while getting only four in return.

“That doesn’t seem fair,” Leno said.

“We got back four really good ones,” Biden reassured Leno. “And the ten, they’ve been here a long time, but they hadn’t done much.”

Leno then showed a sultry photo of alleged Russian agent Anna Chapman and asked: “Do we have any spies that hot?”

Biden’s reply, in a mock-serious tone: “Let me be clear. It was not my idea to send her back.”

The vice president also said he had one more suggestion for the deal that was ignored.

“I thought they’d take Rush Limbaugh,” he said.

The spy exchange took place earlier Friday on an airport tarmac in Vienna.

Biden opened the show in a comedy bit with Leno. It was his first appearance since taking office in January 2009.

Before becoming vice president, Biden had appeared on “Tonight” several times.

President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and White House senior ad-



In this March 7, 2010 file photo, Jay Leno arrives at the Vanity Fair Oscar party in West Hollywood, Calif. AP

viser David Axelrod also have made appearances on the late-night show.

On Friday, Leno jabbed Biden for his tendency to make very public gaffes, pointing out an open-microphone expletive Biden uttered when Obama signed health care legislation in April.

Biden said he warned Obama before taking the job.

“I told the president two things when he asked me to do the job,” Biden said. “I said, ‘Just two conditions, Mr. President. I’m not going to wear any funny hats, and I’m not changing my brand.’ And I kept my promise.”

Biden went on to demonstrate that speaking style when Leno asked him who would win Sunday’s World Cup final.

“I think the Netherlands are going to win, but what the hell do I know?” he said. “I thought LeBron was going to stay.”



AP
In this May 15, 2010 file photo, US singer Usher performs at the 102.7 KIIS FM's Wango Tango in Los Angeles.

Naomi Campbell will testify at war crimes trial

LONDON (AP)—Fashion model Naomi Campbell says she will testify at the war crimes trial of former Liberian president Charles Taylor.

Taylor is accused of supporting the rebels in Sierra Leone's 11-year civil war in exchange for diamonds and other natural resources. He denies trading in

NJ man indicted in death of ex-'Idol' contestant

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP)—A New Jersey man has been indicted in the hit-and-run death of a former "American Idol" contestant whose angry rejection rant became an Internet sensation.

Ocean County prosecutors say Alexis Cohen was killed in Seaside Heights on July 25, 2009, when she was struck by a motor vehicle driven by 24-year-old Daniel Bark of Toms River.

At the time, Bark allegedly was fleeing from police, who tried to stop him following an earlier car accident. He was arrested the next day and later charged with drunken driving.

Bark faces charges including aggravated manslaughter in the indictment handed up Thursday by a county grand jury. He remains jailed on \$150,000 bail.

Cohen, a 25-year-old Allentown, Pa., resident, performed during the seventh season of "American Idol."

the so-called "blood diamonds."

Prosecutors at Taylor's trial in The Hague have summoned Campbell to testify later this month about reports that she received diamonds from Taylor during a 1997 reception in South Africa.

The Outside Organization, a public relations company that represents Campbell, announced on Friday that Campbell would testify. Her appearance is scheduled for July 29.

AP
This April 5, 2006, file photo shows British model Naomi Campbell at the 100th anniversary of the Swiss watch and luxury goods maker Montblanc at Palexpo exhibition center in Geneva, Switzerland.



Charlie Sheen's court date postponed

ASPEN, Colo. (AP)—A court hearing during which actor Charlie Sheen was expected to plead guilty to a charge stemming from a Christmas Day dispute with his wife has been postponed.

Court officials say the hearing has been delayed from

Monday to Aug. 2. Yale Galanter, one of Sheen's attorneys, says the defense needs more time to work out details of an agreement that calls for Sheen to plead guilty to misdemeanor assault in exchange for prosecutors dropping more serious charges.

Galanter previously said the agreement calls for Sheen to serve 30 days in jail.

Sheen, star of "Two and a Half Men" on CBS, is charged with felony menacing, criminal mischief and assault against his wife, Brooke Mueller Sheen.

Hemingway's son approves new footwear line

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)—The 82-year-old son of writer Ernest Hemingway says his famous father would approve of a new line of shoes named after the Pulitzer and Nobel prize-winning author that are divided into angler, literary and sportsman collections.

Bozeman resident Patrick

Hemingway tried on a pair of loafers Friday at Schne's Boots and Shoes and says the best part is he can wear them without socks, and that his father also hated socks.

Thomas Raymond & Co. is launching the Hemingway line of men's footwear and plans to dis-

tribute them to 12 different retailers around the U.S. this fall.

The Hemingway shoes are made in El Salvador using bison and calf hide and cost from \$150 to \$235.

Patrick Hemingway says a lot of celebrity endorsements are phony but not this one.

Usher to sing in Chinese in China debut

BEIJING (AP)—Usher will sing in Chinese, briefly, during his China debut concert Sunday in Beijing.

Usher will sing one of Asian pop sensation Wang Lihong's songs in Chinese, Wang told a joint press conference Saturday night, and the two will also sing Usher's No. 1 "OMG."

"I wanted to make a great impression, so I wanted to do something very special," Usher said. "After hearing (Wang's) music, I wanted to collaborate with him."

The American recording artist said he came to China because he knows there's an audience for him. He arrived in Beijing from Manila.

He said he found while audiences in the United States sing along as loud as they can, a crowd in Asia can be more quiet out of respect for the singer.

Usher's is the first big foreign concert tour to perform in China this year.

Next month, he is releasing eight new songs on a new disc, "Versus." The songs will also be released on a special deluxe version of "Raymond V. Raymond," which was released in March.

Aging parents' go-it-alone attitude can be dangerous

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My parents are both in their 80s, and I try to stay in touch with them as often as possible. Unfortunately, one issue I cannot get through to them is when to call 911 for help. Example: If Mom trips and falls, Dad needs to call 911 rather than struggle to help her up. One or both of them could be injured due to lack of strength or ability.

Also, if a stranger rings their doorbell or calls on the phone and asks them questions about checking accounts, etc., this person should be reported.

How do I impress upon my parents the need to contact the authorities when something is amiss rather than attempt to handle it themselves?

ART IN EASTON, PA.

DEAR ART: Trying to parent one's parents long distance can be frustrating and emotionally draining. Part of the problem may be that when people in their golden years begin to slow down, they often don't realize that it's happening.

Please impress upon your father that when your mother falls there may be a reason for it that goes beyond being "clumsy." She may have suffered a small stroke or have an inner ear imbalance and need to be seen by a doctor. Also, when older people fall they can crack a bone, and being lifted by someone other than a professional can cause further injury.

These days there are more "sharks" swimming around out there than ever, poised to take advantage of the gullible and the vulnerable. If you suspect that someone has been asking your parents for information about their personal finances, the police should be informed. Also, if you feel they need protection, then it's time to involve a social worker to help them. Your local Area Agency on Aging or state department of health can guide you.

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DEAR ABBY: Many years ago I made a conscious and deliberate decision to leave the dating scene. Whenever I tell a woman I'm not interested or have made other plans, she becomes upset and angry with me. I try to be tactful and diplomatic with women, but it invariably results in acrimonious behavior toward me. I am exasperated with the situation. What's your advice?

NICE GUY IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NICE GUY: Of course when a woman hears that you're "not interested" she will be offended. A compliment it's not! And a woman who becomes upset and angry if you say you have other plans isn't someone you would want to be involved with anyway. Next time try this: "I'm sorry, but I'm NOT AVAILABLE." It's the truth—you're not!

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DEAR ABBY: This may seem like a silly question, but what is the proper thing to do if fruit drops on the floor at the grocery store?

WONDERING IN COLUMBUS, GA.

DEAR WONDERING: There is no such thing as a silly question. I addressed your query to the manager of a major grocery chain in the Los Angeles area. He said: "Because it is assumed that people wash their fruit at home before eating it, the fallen item should simply be placed on its stand. (Of course, if it has split in two, cracked or been crushed, you should bring it to the attention of an employee working the produce department.)"

Now: Speaking as someone who has bought fruit, taken it home and found it to be bruised when I cut into it, it's my PERSONAL opinion that instead of replacing the fruit in the display, a store employee should be informed so the item can be sold at a discount the next day.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

HEY MOM, IF WE WERE CANNIBALS, WHAT PARTS OF PEOPLE WOULD WE EAT?

WHAT? YOU KNOW, WHERE WOULD THE STEAKS BE? WOULD LEGS BE LIKE DRUMSTICKS? WOULD KIDS BE LIKE VEAL?

UGH! GO BE DISGUSTING SOMEWHERE ELSE! OUT!

SOME PEOPLE JUST DON'T HAVE INQUISITIVE MINDS.

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HA! HA! HA!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

SORRY I'M LATE. I WAS BUSY LAUGHING AT THE "BEWARE OF DOG" SIGN

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Adam@home

WELCOME, NEWMANS. I'M FARMER MARCIA. I HOPE YOU'RE READY FOR A BUSY WEEK.

ARE THOSE COWS REAL OR ANIMATRONIC?

WE'RE AN ORGANIC FARM, SO I INSIST WE RAISE THE REAL ONES.

DANG.

The Duplex

IF YOUR FRIEND IS REALLY IN NEED OF MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUSCITATION, WHY DID I JUST CATCH HIM POPPING A CERTS IN HIS MOUTH?

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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4 Eccentrically foolish

9 Hockey legend Bobby

12 Sticky stuff

13 Related on the mother's side

14 Actor — Gossett Jr.

15 Traditional

17 Slight touch

18 Raw rock

19 Cool and damp

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24 Caffeine-rich nut

25 Language suffix

26 "A mouse!"

28 Squander

31 Stitches

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5 Belongs naturally

6 Confucian principle

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10 Wander

11 Red gem

16 Turf

20 "Oh, woe!"

21 Dilbert's furniture

22 Cruising

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27 Small barrel

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30 Black — peas

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Saturday's answer 7-12

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Happy Birthday: This will be an emotional year if you haven't cleared up unfinished business. Don't let responsibilities daunt you. This is a great year to get your finances in order. Incorporating creative accounting into your lifestyle will ensure that you get the most for the least. Your numbers are 3, 11, 19, 28, 34, 37, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Give and take will be necessary. Showing compassion will ease stress and make it easier for you to find a resolution for any problem that develops. Someone may try to manipulate or push you into something but, if you feel uneasy, take a pass. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let what others do dictate your schedule. Stick to your routine and accomplish as much as you can both at home and at work. Arguments will slow you down and should be avoided at all costs. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be able to convince others to get involved in your interests or concerns but, if you don't have the knowledge or proof to follow up with a legitimate plan of attack, you are likely to lose your following. Honesty and integrity will be the key. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be afraid to speak your mind and to ask for what you want. Love and happiness are within reach. Practicality will ensure your success and impress onlookers. Follow your heart. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expect someone to make an unexpected change. Don't let this fluster you. If you embrace what comes your way, you will turn it into something bigger and better for you. Stand tall and move forward. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The people you connect with today will make a difference to the outcome of a situation you face. Open up about your financial, legal or medical situation and you will get the answers you are looking for. Baby steps will help you build a solid future. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anyone push you into making a personal or professional decision if you aren't ready. Follow your intuition and your heart. Keep your plans and intentions to yourself for the time being. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Engage in activities that challenge you mentally and physically. You need an outlet that will stimulate your senses and empower you to make a decision in a situation that has been pending. Work in unison with someone you trust. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can call the shots, make a move or buy and sell items that will improve your assets. Making a residential move will help you change some of the negative influences in your life. Don't limit what you can do. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Shoot for the stars. You will reach your goals and set a game plan in motion if you take action. There is money to be made and a per-

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sonal or professional partnership can be formed that will ensure that whatever you pursue will be handled with ease. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Speak from the heart and don't be afraid to show your emotions. It's the human element, coupled with your imaginative and innovative mind, that will capture someone's attention and lead to an interesting partnership. A change in your cash flow looks positive. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you sit idle, nothing will be accomplished or gained. You have to act on a hunch or be willing to take on a task no one else wants. Being responsible and persistent will give you the edge. ***

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, inquisitive and changeable. You take home, family and your cultural background seriously. You are a hard worker.

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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Bosh's decision pulled things together for Heat



MIAMI (AP)—In Chris Bosh, the Miami Heat got a power forward and a power broker.

Sure, Heat president Pat Riley pulled together the deal, Dwyane Wade had a county renamed in his honor and the anticipation of LeBron James' decision turned into a drama unlike anything the NBA has likely ever seen.

But the first domino that fell into place was Bosh—and if he went elsewhere, the other two stars almost surely would have as well.

It went down like this: Bosh told Wade he wanted to play in Miami, which immediately convinced the 2006 NBA finals MVP to spurn Chicago's offer and stay with the Heat. About 48 hours later, Wade got a call from James, telling him it'd be a South Beach three-for-all.

However long Bosh stays with the Heat, he may never have a more significant assist.

"I think it was more of a collective effort," Bosh said. "I know these two guys. They have to make their own decisions. There was no point where we asked each other to, 'OK, we're going to talk and we're all going to go here.' We have to play in the best positions for our families, for ourselves, and for our careers."

"And Miami was the obvious choice."

Not until Bosh made up his mind, it wasn't.

Wade was absolutely torn by the decision between Chicago and Miami, so much so that he asked family members to write down their top choices—and that didn't even break the tie between his hometown and the city where he's starred for seven years. He told the Heat the only way he would stay put is if they landed Bosh or James.

Bosh had a half-dozen offers, but knew the only way he'd get to play with two superstars was by coming to Miami. So he took his leap of Heat faith.

"When Chris told me that," Wade said, "it all just came together. And then it was up to LeBron."

James eventually completed the trifecta—three of the top five choices from the 2003 draft—that will surely be the talk of the NBA for years to come.

In Miami, the start of the free-agent period was called "We Want Wade" week, including a move by officials to ceremonially rename the county from Miami-Dade to Miami-Wade. By week's end, the Heat got Wade and a whole lot more.

"There's no question about it, they become the favorites along with Boston to win the East," Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy said. "The East has certainly gotten better. It's not getting any easier. You have three guys, All-Stars, in the prime of their career. That's a heckuva team to match up against."

The possibilities are endless, already getting scrawled on the white boards in Heat coach Erik Spoelstra's office.

Wade at shooting guard, James at small forward, Bosh at power forward. Each routinely sees double-teams, and that will continue. But unless the NBA starts allowing Miami opponents to play with at least six guys, then Wade, James and Bosh all can't have two defenders draped around them at once.



From left, Chris Bosh, Dwyane Wade and LeBron James acknowledge the cheers during a fan event at the American Airlines Arena in Miami Friday, July 9, 2010.

That's where Bosh could flourish, those around him say.

"When Chris was in high school, he didn't even say he was the best player on his team," said Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt, who had Bosh on his team for one year before the then-teenager jumped to the NBA. "And they went 40-0 and won a national champion-

ship. That's who he is. It's not about who gets credit for what."

Playing in Toronto wasn't exactly been a path to superstardom for Bosh. The Raptors—who have ravenous fans in their own city—simply haven't drawn much attention in the United States, mainly because of a lack of postseason success (Bosh has

never reached the second round of the NBA playoffs) and that they're just not on television as much as the glitzy clubs.

That'll change now. Oddsmakers in Las Vegas already are saying the Heat are favorites to win the 2011 NBA title.

"Just with us coming together, it's going to be out there," Bosh said of

the immediate pressure to win. "So we just have to be prepared for that and we have to stay behind each other, keep each other standing tall and just support each other and that's all it's about. When you're having tough times, you rely on your friends, you rely on your teammates to pull you out of it."

Bosh might only seem like the 'other guy' in this Heat star cluster.

No, he doesn't have the MVP trophies like James and the championship ring like Wade. Make no mistake: He can play.

Bosh is one of only three players with at least 10,000 points, 4,500 rebounds and 600 blocked shots over the last seven seasons, joining Kevin Garnett and Tim Duncan. He's averaged a double-double in three of his seven years, and coming off a season where he put up career-highs of 24.0 points, 10.8 rebounds and 52 percent shooting.

And James is already letting Miami know, this team isn't being built as a one- or two-man operation.

"This is not just all about D-Wade and C.B. and LeBron," James said. "It's about the whole team. It's about the whole organization, starting from the top to the bottom."

Bosh has been at the bottom for too long, never getting remotely close to an NBA title.

In Miami, thanks to his decision, he's got that long-awaited chance to finally see the top.

"We just have to take that chance," Bosh said. "And we were not afraid to be great. So we've jumped in the water. Now it's time to swim."

Stricker sets 54-hole PGA record at Deere Classic



SILVIS, ILL. (AP)—Steve Stricker is making it look easy.

He insists that it's not, even after posting stunningly low scores.

Stricker already has broken a couple of PGA Tour records at the John Deere Classic and has more in sight after opening a six-stroke lead with a 9-under-par 62 on Saturday.

That followed rounds of 60 and 66 at the TPC Deere Run course, which has stood no chance against the assault Stricker and his fellow players have launched.

"It's never easy going out there," Stricker said. "It wasn't easy to start the round today. Coming to the course I felt like I'd never been in this position. I was nervous. I didn't feel like doing anything. I just wanted to get out there and starting playing."

And play he did.

Stricker's masterful round left the tournament's defending champion at 25-under 188, the best 54-hole score in PGA Tour history. He also has the best three-round score in relation to par. With a 65 Sunday, he'd break the 72-hole record of 254.

So dominant was Stricker that Jeff Maggert shot a 63 and lost ground. Paul Goydos, golf's latest Mr. 59 after a magical round on Thursday, played well enough to keep pace in most tournaments, just not this one.

It would be hard for anyone to keep up with Stricker the way he's playing.

The 43-year-old from Madison, Wis., hit accurate approaches to give himself short putts for birdies in most cases and he deftly extricated himself the only two times he got in trouble.

So just what's going on here?

"If I knew, I would bottle this," Stricker said. "I don't know what's going on."

Maggert, who started the day five shots behind Stricker, was at 19-under 194 and tied with Goydos, who trailed Stricker by just one stroke going into the round. Playing in the last group with Stricker, Goydos saw his deficit grow steadily as his partner drilled birdie putts on seven of the last 11 holes.

Former PGA Champion Shaun Micheel also shot a 63—and found himself 10 strokes off the lead. Rocco Mediate made a hole-in-one and an eagle en route to a 64 but trailed by 14. Matt Jones wriggled into fourth place with a 66 that left him nine strokes back.

"Stricker's nine in front of me, so you'd have to have something miraculous happen to him," Jones said. "That's not going to happen the way he's playing, so my goal now is to play for second."

Still, Stricker remained wary. He had a six-stroke lead on the final day of the Northern Trust Open at Riviera earlier this year and ended up winning by two.

"This course yields low scores, so you've got to be cautious that somebody can come from behind and post a low one and catch you," he said. "So that's going to be my mindset—play my own game and try to make as many

birdies as I can."

Mediate's early score and those of Vaughn Taylor (64), Kenny Perry (65) and Gary Woodland (65) indicated that the course—the greens in particular—again was ripe for scoring.

"They would hold anything you threw in there," the 49-year-old Perry said of the greens. "It's definitely a birdiefest out there right now."

It certainly was for Stricker.

He has 27 birdies for the tournament, giving him a shot at the Tour record of 32 for a 72-hole event, a mark shared by Mark Calcavecchia and Paul Gow.

Stricker broke the 54-hole record of 189 shared by Calcavecchia, John Cook and Tommy Armour III, with Calcavecchia and Cook both 24 under. Armour also holds the 72-hole record, in the 2003 Texas Open at The Resort at LaCantera, a par-70 course.

"These three rounds are probably my best three rounds put together anywhere, for sure," said Stricker, who's No. 4 in the world rankings. "But that said, the last five years have been good. I don't believe that it's happened at times, but then again, I always felt like I had something in me that I could perform at a high level."

For now, his thoughts are on maintaining his lead, which ballooned after he and Goydos matched each other shot-for-shot through nine—three birdies and five pars. A tense duel of accurate shot-making and crisp putting was going to come down to who faltered first.

It turned out to be Goydos, who

missed an 8-foot birdie putt on No. 10. Stricker then birdied four of the next five holes, including a 31-footer on No. 12, to distance himself.

"I got steamrolled," Goydos said.

Stricker drilled a 23-footer on 15 to go 24 under, but his approaches to the greens were so accurate that his seven other birdie putts all came from inside 10 feet. That included an easy 15-inch on No. 11 after he stuck an 8-iron from 170 yards.

"I've been putting the ball really well and I just try to get it on there in a good spot so I have a birdie putt," Stricker said. "And I've given myself a lot of opportunities."

Stricker didn't get into any trouble until the last two holes.

He drove into the rough on the par-5 17th, then hit his second shot into a greenside bunker.

Stymied?

Hardly. He blasted out to 4 feet and birdied the hole.

On 18, Stricker drove into a stand of trees and punched out into the fairway, his ball landing in a divot, 100 yards from the pin. He had left the course with a sour feeling Friday after a missing a 2-foot par putt on 18 and was staring at another disappointing finish.

But his wedge stopped 7 inches short of the hole and he closed out his round with a tap-in for par.

"You never want to end with a bogey," he said. "After I hit my poor drive, I played the hole smart. I just wanted to give myself 10 feet or under and get a putt at it. It was a good way to finish."

Braves staff blanks Mets in 4-0 win



NEW YORK
(AP)—Tim Hudson

pitched seven gritty innings before turning it over to one of the best bullpens in baseball, as the Atlanta Braves beat the New York Mets 4-0 in the National League on Saturday, notching their fourth straight win.

Omar Infante had three hits and drove in a run for the Braves after getting four hits in the series opener. Hudson (9-4) helped himself with a pair of hits that included an RBI double during a four-run fifth.

The Mets lost All-Star shortstop Jose Reyes, who left the game after making a difficult fielding play in the seventh inning. He has pulled out of Tuesday's All-Star game.

New York starter Mike Pelfrey (10-4) allowed 15 of his 25 batters to reach base and hasn't lasted more than six innings in three weeks.

Rockies 4, Padres 2

In Denver, Jason Hammel extended his career-best winning streak to six games as Colorado downed San Diego for its season-high sixth straight victory.

Hammel (7-3) was perfect for four innings, allowing just one ball to be hit to the outfield, but had to escape a bases-loaded jam in the fifth.

Phillies 1, Reds 0, 11 innings

In Philadelphia, Cincinnati rookie pitcher Travis Wood took a perfect game into the ninth inning before Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins hit the winning single in the 11th inning.

Making his third big league start, Wood dominated Philadelphia's injury-depleted lineup and matched zeros for nine innings with Phillies ace Roy Halladay until Carlos Ruiz got a leadoff double in the ninth.

With one out in the 11th, Ruiz hit another double, this one off Bill Bray (0-1). After an intentional walk and a flyout, Rollins lined a single to right off Logan Ondrusek, easily scoring Ruiz.

Cubs 7, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Tom Gorzelanny impressed again as a starter, guiding Chicago to victory over Los Angeles.

Gorzelanny (4-5) allowed one earned run over six innings after being staked to an early 6-0 lead. It was his second win in three starts after spending almost 11 of last month in the bullpen.

Giants 10, Nationals 5

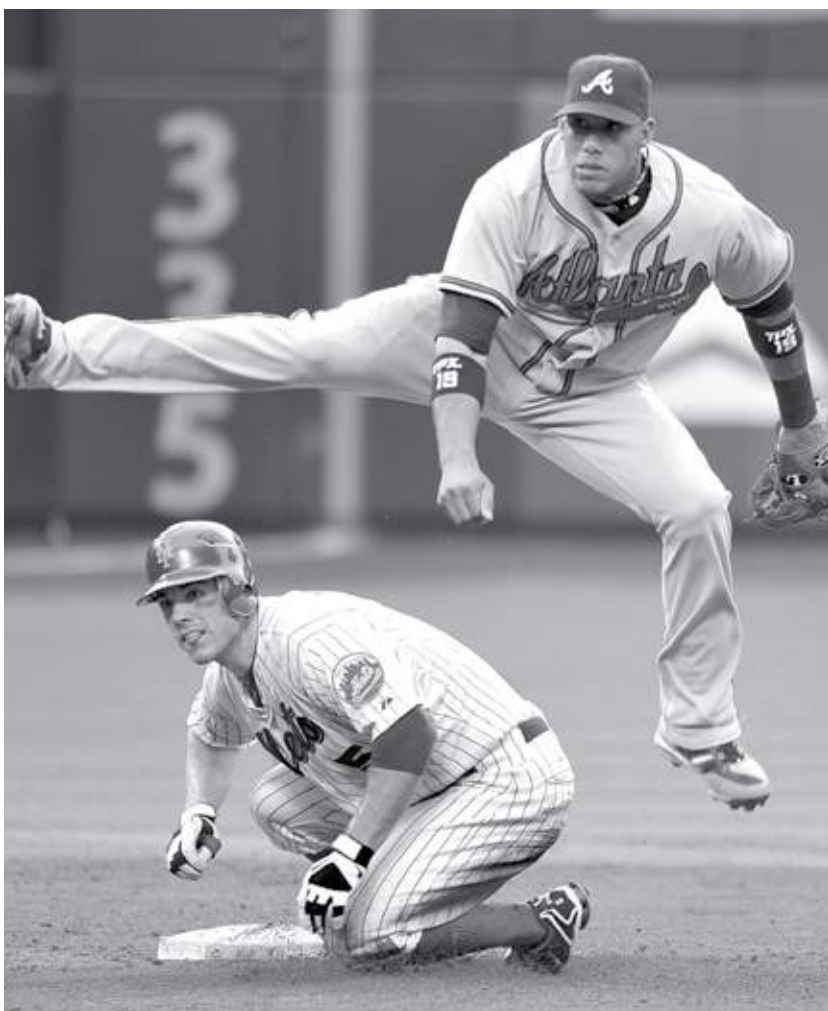
In Washington, Buster Posey hit a tie-breaking single in a four-run seventh inning and added a two-run homer to help San Francisco beat Washington.

Brought in to protect a 5-4 lead in the seventh, Washington's Tyler Clippard (8-6) gave up a homer to Aaron Rowand. Freddy Sanchez and Aubrey Huff walked, and were scored by Posey's drive through the infield.

Astros 4, Cardinals 1

In Houston, Brett Myers added another quality start to his line, pitching eight strong innings to help Houston beat St. Louis.

Myers (6-6) gave up one run, struck out five and walked none. He extended his club record of starts of six innings or more to begin the season to 18 and is the only starter in the majors to achieve the mark this year.



Atlanta Braves' shortstop Yunel Escobar leaps over New York Mets' David Wright after forcing out Wright at second base and throwing to first base to get Mets' Ike Davis out for a double play in the sixth inning of a baseball game Saturday, July 10, 2010, in New York.

Diamondbacks 5, Marlins 4

In Phoenix, Chris Snyder hit a two-run homer after having one stolen the inning before and Arizona went on to defeat Florida.

Mark Reynolds hit his 20th homer, starting pitcher Ian Kennedy (4-7) ended a four-game losing streak and Stephen Drew scored two runs after early walks

by Florida's Nate Robertson (6-7).

Brewers 4, Pirates 3

In Milwaukee, Ryan Braun and Prince Fielder hit back-to-back home runs for Milwaukee in the win over Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh has lost five straight overall and 23 of 25 on the road. The Pirates have dropped 26 of their past 29 games at Milwaukee.

Chavanel wins Tour's 7th stage in mountains



LES ROUSSES, France (AP)—Sylvain Chavanel recaptured the Tour de France's lead on

Saturday by winning the hot and humid 7th stage as the main title contenders focused on upcoming Alpine climbs.

The Quick Step rider, who also won the second stage, raised a fist in joy as he completed the 165.5-kilometer (101-mile) trek from Tournus to Station des Rousses ski station, featuring six low- to mid-grade climbs.

The Frenchman crossed the line alone in 4 hours, 22 minutes, 52 seconds. Rafael Valls Ferri of Spain was second, 57 seconds behind, and his countryman Juan Manuel Garate was third, 1:27 back.

Fabian Cancellara struggled in the final climb and was a staggering 14 minutes, 12 seconds back. The Swiss lost the yellow jersey to Chavanel who began the stage fifth, 1:01 behind Cancellara.

Several pre-race favorites, including seven-time Tour champion Lance Armstrong, said the stage's climbs were deceptively tough and that the heat added to the agony within the peloton.

"Suffered, I think everybody did. It was just so incredibly hot and humid,"

the 38-year-old Texan said.

The standings among the top race contenders didn't change. Cancellara, primarily a time-trial specialist, and Chavanel, who is more of a breakaway rider than a climber, are not expected to excel in the crucial mountain legs—notably over four Pyrenees stages in the third week.

They are the only two riders to have worn yellow this Tour: Cancellara won the prologue, Chavanel took the coveted shirt with a breakaway win on Monday and then the Swiss rider retook it a day later when Chavanel ran into a mechanical problem on a cobblestone stretch—and lost time.

"I had legs of fire today ... these are the types of climb that suit me," Chavanel said. "I'm going to savor it."

The main race contenders finished 1:47 back, including 2009 winner Alberto Contador of Spain, who was 13th, and Armstrong in 16th.

Overall, Chavanel leads two-time Tour runner-up and world champion Cadel Evans of Australia by 1:25. Canada's Ryder Hesjedal is third, 1:32 back. Last year's runner-up Andy Schleck of Luxembourg is fourth, 1:55 behind, while Contador is sixth, 2:26 back. Armstrong is 14th, 3:16 behind Chavanel.

A staffer from Chavanel's Quick

Dave Bush (4-6) pitched 6 1-3 innings for the Brewers, giving up two runs.

Blue Jays 9, Red Sox 5

In Toronto, Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 24th home run as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox.

Alex Gonzalez and Adam Lind also went deep for the Blue Jays, who lead the majors with 135 homers, extended their streak of multihomer games to seven and have hit 20 home runs during that span.

Tigers 7, Twins 4

In Detroit, Johnny Damon hit a three-run homer in the fifth inning to lift surging Detroit over Minnesota.

Damon's shot was the Tigers' fourth home run against Twins' starter Nick Blackburn (7-7), who gave up four long shots for the first time in his career, and allowed seven runs over four innings.

Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer in the first, rookie Alex Avila and Magglio Ordonez followed with solo shots in each of the next two innings and Damon's drive gave the Tigers a four-run lead.

Mariners 4, Yankees 1

In Seattle, Jose Lopez hit his second career grand slam in the eighth inning to lift Seattle to a comeback win over New York.

Held hitless into the sixth inning by Yankees starter Javier Vazquez, the Mariners offense came alive against burly New York reliever Joba Chamberlain (1-4). They loaded the bases on a fielder's choice by Ichiro Suzuki, single by Chone Figgins and intentional walk to Russell Branyan before Lopez homered.

Athletics 15, Angels 1

In Oakland, Rajai Davis hit a grand

slam as Oakland handed Scott Kazmir the worst pounding ever for a Los Angeles pitcher.

Kazmir (7-9) allowed eight runs in the third inning and five more in the fifth, capped by back-to-back homers by Coco Crisp and Daric Barton.

The 13 runs are the most allowed by an Angels pitcher, topping the 11 Scott Schoeneweis gave up against Baltimore in 2001.

White Sox 5, Royals 1

In Chicago, Gavin Floyd pitched effectively into the eighth inning to steer Chicago past Kansas City and to its seventh straight win.

Floyd (5-7) left with two outs in the eighth, having given up just the one run.

Chicago pitching has allowed just three runs in the last three games.

Rays 4, Indians 0

In St. Petersburg, Matt Garza allowed one hit over six innings to steer Tampa Bay past Cleveland.

Garza (10-5) ceded only a second-inning single during an 88-pitch outing, was on a limited pitch count of around 90 after he worked out of the bullpen earlier in the week.

Rays relievers Grant Balfour, Joaquin Benoit and Lance Cormier completed the shutout.

Orioles 6, Rangers 1

In Arlington, Cliff Lee's strong debut for Texas was spoiled by a splendid pitching display by Baltimore's Chris Tillman.

Lee (8-4), the 2008 AL Cy Young winner the Rangers acquired in a six-player deal Friday, threw his AL-best sixth complete game even though he gave up hits on his first two pitches and later yielded home runs in three consecutive innings—Nick Markakis, Cesar Izturis and Adam Jones went long.

Step team squirted him with water to cool him down in the searing heat as he scaled solo the mid-grade Lamoura pass into Les Rousses, the last climb, baring his teeth as he pedaled.

"It's the type of climb that I like, a 3- to 4-percent gradient," said Chavanel, after collecting his third career Tour stage victory. "You have to upshift into high gear."

For Armstrong, it was a "tough day ... A climb like this, which is 3-5 percent, is always hard. It's high speed and it's hard to go (pull) away, and it's hard to sit on the wheel. Not my favorite."

"I tried to stay up near the front (of the pack), to be honest," he said.

On the final climb, Armstrong kept toward the front of the main group of contenders, with Contador shadowing him. None of the main contenders—including Evans or Bradley Wiggins of Britain—attempted to attack.

After the stage, a downpour sent rain and marble-sized hail onto thousands of fans who lined the route to the Lamoura. Civil security teams escorted dozens of fans to shelter after their shuttle bus couldn't get through in a post-race traffic jam, Jura regional civil protection director Jerome Petit said. Some fans said they had been bruised by the hail.

No one was seriously injured, Petit said.

Chavanel said he got his "revenge" after losing the yellow jersey on the cobblestones on Tuesday — when Armstrong also lost crucial seconds in the title chase because he had to change a flat tire.

But the Frenchman said the next stage could threaten his hold on the jersey.

"The big names—Contador, Schleck, Evans—they're going to express themselves tomorrow," Chavanel said. "I'm going to work to limit the damage. I'm going to give it all I have."

Sunday's stage is the entree into the Alps, a 189-kilometer jaunt along two tough Category 1 climbs from Station des Rousses to Morzine-Avoriaz — featuring an uphill finish.

Schleck, who along with Contador is among the world's best climbers, said: "To be honest, it was a lot harder than I expected I had a good look at Contador and Armstrong, and they looked good."

Evans, speaking on French TV, said the finish was tough for many contenders and that he was happy about his position.

"The truth will come out tomorrow," Evans said.

3 teams win debut in Emon Lodge caging

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The Emon Lodge 179 Freemasonry Inter-Color Basketball League opened its inaugural season yesterday with three teams getting off to good starts after posting separates wins at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

First to break into the win column was Armatech, which defeated Joeten Superstores, 74-64.

Both teams struggled offensively in the first quarter, before Armatech picked up the scoring in the last three period to nail a 10-point win.

Armatech was held to only four field goals in the opening canto and trailed, 10-11, before Junar Guiab and Elmer Esdre-

lon sparked the team's offense in the second period.

Guiab drilled all his 10 points in the second canto, while Esdrelon canned two triples and had nine points in that period, which ended with Armatech already in front, 36-27.

Armatech padded the lead to 13 points, 60-47, in the third period, as other members of the team started lighting up the scoreboard.

Brendon Talania paced Armatech with 18 points, while Joeten Superstores drew 20 markers from CNMI National Team member Tim Quan.

Marianas Wireless 97, Oches 91

In the second game, Marianas Wireless needed extra five minutes to thwart Oches, 97-91.

Kae Bernardo drilled nine of his 20 points in overtime to

give Marianas Wireless a winning debut.

Wowie Abuel also finished with 20 markers, making five in overtime, while Banjo Basilla chipped in 13, hitting crucial free throws that saved the day for Marianas Wireless. He had two charities in regulation to send the game in OT and then canned three more in the extension period to preserve the win.

Bernardo had six early points against Oches, lifting Marianas Wireless to a 20-13 lead. However, Oches turned the tables on Marianas Wireless in the second canto, 38-32, behind J.R. Barrios' nine points.

In the third period, Oches kept the lead, 60-56, with Jomar Tengco firing nine of his 17 markers in that canto. However, Oches failed to hang on to the lead in the fourth and Marianas Wireless managed to steal the

win in overtime.

Mobil 70, Sparks 67

In the third game, Mobil edged the Sparks, 70-67.

Jun Estolas and Errol Peredo teamed up in leading Mobil to a close win, firing 23 and 19 markers, respectively.

Mobil held the Sparks to six points in the first period to take the lead and never looked back, foiling the latter's repeated comeback bids.

Two more games were scheduled in the opening day with Wings Travel taking on Marianas Resort in the fourth match and Tropical Laundry battling Micronesian Brokers, Inc. Results of these two matches were unavailable at press time.

Games in the Emon Lodge caging will be played only every Sunday. The league will have a single round-robin format in the

regular season with the Top 4 teams advancing to the single-elimination playoffs.

First Game

Armatech 74 – Talania 18, Esdrelon 11, Guiab 10, Camacho 9, Mendiola 8, M. Capalad 4, W. Capalad 2.

Joeten Superstores 64 – Quan 20, A. Lauron 12, R. Lauron 8, Irinaka 6, Sablan 6, Eutemio 4, Palacios 3.

Scoring by quarters: 10-11, 36-27, 60-47, 74-64.

Second Game

Marianas Wireless 97 –

Abuel 20, Bernardo 20, Basila 13, Tamayo 10, Aquino 10, Demapan 6, Pantaleon 4, Lerio 2.

Oches 91 – Barrios 24, Tengco 17, Abedes 14, Olaitiman 10, Santos 9, Lizama 3, Mina 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-13, 32-38, 60-56, 78-78, 97-91.

Third Game

Mobil 70 – Estolas 23, Peredo 19, Lizama 14, Factor 6, Fitial 6, Moises 2.

Sparks 67 – T. Santos 14, Norita 11, Hossain 10, Camacho 10, Manglona 8, Faisao 4, Z. Babauta 2, R. Babauta 2, A. Santos 2, J. Santos 2.

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in the semifinals on Saturday. Race was ahead in the first set, 1-0, when Cruz hurt his right ankle and decided not to continue the match.

Cruz arranged a semis duel against Race after a 6-0, 6-2 win over Daniel Park last Saturday morning. Race also nailed straight set victory over Dong Ik Jang, 6-0, 6-1, to march into the semis.

Montgomery and Loyola de-

feated Rafael Jones, 6-2, 6-1, and Ralph Buenaventura, 6-1, 6-3, respectively, to book the two other semis berths.

In the women's open, Mayuko Arriola is in the finals and is waiting for the winner of the Lydia Tan-Jodel Fernandez semis match. Fernandez and Tan were scheduled to battle for the last finals ticket yesterday morning.

Arriola gained a finals berth after downing junior player Mikayla Lopez, 6-3, 6-0. Lopez won over Melody Johnson via walkover to arrange

a semis clash against Arriola. Tan topped Flor Jones, 6-3, 6-2, to advance to the semis against Fernandez.

In the boys' open division, it will be Angelo Jones versus Park. They were also set to fight for the championship yesterday morning but rain prevented them from doing so.

Angelo Jones notched a 6-1, 6-2 win against Ji Hoon Choi in his first match then stunned top seed Jake Lee in the semis, 6-3, 6-2, to make it to the finals. Park prevailed over Amami Sakano, 6-0, 6-1, and then edged Carl

Dela Cruz in the semis, 7-5, 6-3, to move into the finals. Dela Cruz whipped Kennedy Izuka, 6-1, 6-1, to clinch a semis spot before bowing to Park.

In the girls' open, Tiffany Madlambayan will battle the championship trophy against Emily Jones. Madlambayan survived J.A. Briosas in three sets, 5-7, 7-7, 7-6 (9-4), to claim the first finals ticket. Emily Jones had an easier assignment, sweeping Jee Hyan, 6-1, 6-1. Hyan saved third place after downing Briosas, 6-1, 6-2, on Saturday.

SPAIN

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of this continent, then turned into a South American fiesta for two rounds, finishes off with one European country discarding its also-ran label.

Which one?

"I am sure the Spanish can win any game because they are dominant and it's hard to contain their attack," Germany coach Joachim Loew said after his team lost 1-0 in the semifinals. "They have shown they can beat anyone."

Perhaps. But ...

"The Dutch can create a goal from any situation," coach Oscar Tabarez said after his Uruguay squad allowed three to the Netherlands, one more than it gave up in the rest of the tournament. "They play some beautiful football."

How nice it would be if this final featured just that: well-played, open, creative soccer. That's what both the

Dutch and Spaniards do best. So if coaches Bert van Marwijk and Vicente del Bosque don't turn conservative all of a sudden, Sunday's showdown could turn into one entertaining shootout.

"I love attacking and beautiful football," the Netherlands' Van Marwijk said, "but you have to work together when the opponent has the ball and then you can go a long way."

The Dutch have gone a long way in the World Cup before. They simply couldn't finish it off in 1974 and 1978, losing in the final to host teams West Germany and Argentina. They carry one of the most impressive strings of success into the championship match that soccer has seen: 10 straight wins and 25 games without a loss. If they beat Spain, the Dutch will match Brazil's 1970 accomplishment of sweeping all qualifying and World Cup games.

They have the tools. Midfielder Wesley Sneijder has been brilliant throughout the

tournament and is tied with Spain striker David Villa for the scoring lead with five goals. The three-pronged unit up front of Arjen Robben, Dirk Kuyt and Robin van Persie matches up with any group anywhere.

"Holland is going to play its football," Spain midfielder Sergio Busquets said. "That's important, that everyone plays their own game and shows their cards."

Obviously, turning the final into an offensive show makes sense for the Netherlands. Unfortunately for the Oranje, it might make even more sense for the Spaniards.

The European champions can match the Dutch in firepower with Villa, Xavi, Xabi Alonso, Andres Iniesta, Pedro, Cesc Fabregas, Fernando Torres and Fernando Llorente. They have the more experienced goalkeeper in Iker Casillas, making it more likely they would get the big saves when the Netherlands breaks through.

The Spanish don't have the Netherlands' winning streak, but they have lost only two games since November 2006—both did come in South Africa, one in this tournament—and controlled the pace of the game against Germany in the semifinal.

Spain couldn't have been more efficient with its well-structured passing game against the Germans, who played cautiously—not at all their style—and thus played right into the Spaniards' hands. If Spain remains as patient and precise with the ball against the Dutch as it was in the semifinals, can the Oranje defense hold firm?

Van Marwijk has seen how the Spanish respond when the Jabulani winds up on opposing feet: "When they lose the ball, they immediately join in (to get it back). Their big stars, too."

Not that the Dutch coach is conceding anything in that area.

"It is something we also do well," Van Marwijk said.

Nationals 82 – Tumaquip 16, Barcinas 12, Iguel 12, Mendiola 10, Villacrusis 7, Chariton 6, Lizama 6, Lee 5, Johnson 4, Quan 4.

Mobil 81 – Guiab 14, Esdrelon 10, Estolas 18, Gapor 10, Berline 2, Factor 9, De Guzman 8, Rabauliman 4, Muleta 6.

Scoring by quarters: 25-16, 46-36, 68-54, 82-81.

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ago, the league had no funding left. So after zero fundraising efforts in the nine months leading up to the regional, Ada left it to the Legislature to foot 100 percent of the bill on the very last day, which was initially estimated to \$157,000 in total.

Around lunchtime last Wednesday, Ada received word from the Legislature that funding would in fact be provided, but all of the travel accommo-

dations were still up in the air.

Later that night, a second last-minute meeting was held to inform the players and their families of the rigorous flight schedule ahead of them. They also learned at the meeting that they will have to bring their own food money while traveling and may have to bring extra money to pay for an extra night's stay at their hotel after the competition. Additionally, as a result of the last-minute planning, many family members who planned on joining the teams were left behind.



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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	55	32	.632	—
Tampa Bay	53	34	.609	2
Boston	50	37	.575	5
Toronto	44	44	.500	11 1/2
Baltimore	28	59	.322	27

Central Division

Detroit	48	37	.565	—
Chicago	48	38	.558	1/2
Minnesota	45	42	.517	4
Kansas City	39	48	.448	10
Cleveland	34	53	.391	15

West Division

Texas	50	37	.575	—
Los Angeles	47	43	.522	4 1/2
Oakland	42	46	.477	8 1/2
Seattle	35	52	.402	15

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	52	35	.598	—
New York	47	40	.540	5
Philadelphia	46	40	.535	5 1/2
Florida	41	46	.471	11
Washington	39	49	.443	13 1/2

Central Division

Cincinnati	49	40	.551	—
St. Louis	46	41	.529	2
Chicago	39	49	.443	9 1/2
Milwaukee	39	49	.443	9 1/2
Houston	36	52	.409	12 1/2
Pittsburgh	30	57	.345	18

West Division

San Diego	50	37	.575	—
Colorado	49	38	.563	1
Los Angeles	48	39	.552	2
San Francisco	46	41	.529	4
Arizona	34	54	.386	16 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 0	
Chicago Cubs 7, L.A. Dodgers 3	
Philadelphia 1, Cincinnati 0, 11 innings	
San Francisco 10, Washington 5	
Houston 4, St. Louis 1	
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 3	
Arizona 5, Florida 4	
Colorado 4, San Diego 2	
Toronto 9, Boston 5	
Detroit 7, Minnesota 4	
Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 1	
Tampa Bay 4, Cleveland 0	
Baltimore 6, Texas 1	
Oakland 15, L.A. Angels 1	
Seattle 4, N.Y. Yankees 1	

JOHN DEERE CLASSIC SCORES

SILVUS, Illinois (AP)—Scores Saturday from the John Deere Classic, a \$4.4 million US PGA Tour event at par-71, 7,268-yard TPC Deere Run:

THIRD ROUND

Steve Stricker	60-66-62=188
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Weekend Sports

Mix of good, bad news for CNMI sports

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A mix of morale-boosting and heart-breaking news hugged the sports page's headlines last week.

First, the good news: Additional \$40,000 funding for the 7th Micronesian Games and CNMI netter Ji Hoon Heo moving up to the Junior ITF rankings and winning a tournament in Fiji.

The CNMI delegation to the Micro Games in Palau received the additional financial assistance from the government after Acting Gov. Eloy Inos signed two bills, appropriating \$40,000 for the Commonwealth's cam-

paign in the quadrennial event.

The government's financial assistance now totaled \$60,000, as late last month, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial approved an appropriation of \$20,000 for the Micro Games expenses.

Heo will not be part of the CNMI delegation to Palau, as he left Saipan for several off-island tournaments this summer, including the Air Pacific South Pacific Open Junior Championships in Fiji.

Heo won the doubles event of

that event with teammate Alex Hamilton of New Zealand and then made it to the Round of 16 of the singles competition. Before the tournament in Fiji, Heo competed in the Open Junior BNP Paribas de Nouvelle Calédonie in New Caledonia and advanced in the quarterfinals.

With his impressive showings in Fiji and New Caledonia, Heo moved to No. 653 spot from No. 697 in the Junior ITF rankings. He is the lone CNMI player to gain a Junior ITF ranking.

Now the bad news: the four CNMI All-Star Teams struggled for funding for their trip to the 2010 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament, putting their campaign in Indonesia in jeopardy.

A day before the Junior All-Stars left for Indonesia, people involved in forming the team managed to squeeze out funding from the government to make the trip. The CNMI Junior, Senior, and Big League All-Stars are now in Indonesia fighting for World Series slots.

leagues and tournaments continued last week.

In the Budweiser caging, the CNMI Nationals remained unbeaten in five games. In the UBA caging, Rollers A and Kagman 1-2-3 won their respective U18 division matches, while Wings Travel and Palms Resort continued their winning ways in the Miller Lite league.

Also last week, Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association named the June Male and Female Athletes of the Month: triathlon's Mamiko Oshima-Berger and Tyce Mister, and bowling Ruselle Zapanta.

After the good news, here came another bad news. The Major All-Stars were stranded in Manila on their way to Indonesia and could not make it to the Regionals. The Major All-Stars were forced to return to Saipan early this morning and missed the World Series qualifier, as Royal Brunei Airlines did not have confirmed seats for all of them to depart for Surabaya last Friday to make to their first game last Saturday.

Meanwhile, ongoing local



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The Nationals' Jose Tumaquip, left, and Budweiser Saints' Rowell Aranda battle for the loose ball during their game in the Budweiser caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Magic's Emil Olivos draws a foul from brother Dante of Wings Travel during their game in the Miller Lite caging at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court last week.

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Marianas Elite's Jerome Norita, right, goes for a shot against a Sparks defender during their game in the wild-card phase of the CNMI Nationals Fundraising Tournament at the Garapan Basketball Court last week.



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Tyce Mister, right, was named NMASA Male Athlete of the Month (June) during the NMASA meeting last week.



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Top, Trevor Ogomoro, seen here doing the long jump, is one of the CNMI delegates to the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau. The CNMI Team got \$60,000 financial assistance from the government for its Micro Games campaign.

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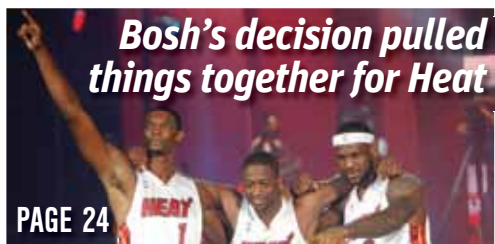
Left, the CNMI Junior Little Leaguers pose for a photo outside the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport before leaving for their four-leg trip to Jakarta, Indonesia where they will compete in the 2010 Little League Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament.



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Ji Hoon Heo, seen here serving in a local tournament, won a tournament in Fiji, to improve his Junior ITF rankings.





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Major All-Stars head home

Seniors win, Juniors lose

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The CNMI Major All-Stars' campaign in the 2010 Little League Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament had ended even before it began.

This, after the 7- and -9-year-old Little Leaguers were not able to board a connecting flight from Manila, Philippines to the tournament's venue in Surabaya, Indonesia.

Stuck in the Ninoy Aquino-Manila International Airport since Friday, the CNMI District champions in the Major division could not find an accommodating flight into Surabaya, until Wednesday—a full five days after the tourney started.

As a result, they had no choice but to turn back home and are scheduled to arrive back on

Saipan at 1:40am this morning.

"I feel bad for the kids because they've been training hard and preparing for the Regionals. Some of them are on their last year in the Majors and it's very unfortunate that they could not make it to Indonesia. After all the struggle with the funding, it's really sad that this unfortunate thing had to happen and they have to go back on Saipan," said CNMI Little League District Administrator James Ada about the Major's team homecoming.



Ada

Meanwhile, the CNMI Junior All-Stars team managed to arrive in Jakarta, Indonesia on time to play their 7:30am game against Guam Saturday, but fell short in their first game against rival Guam, 3-4.

The CNMI Senior All-Stars, for their part, shook off travel weariness early Sunday morning to beat Guam, 4-3. The CNMI boys' 15-16 squad arrived in Jakarta only the night before.



Missed opportunity

As a result of the late release of funding and organizational snafus, this year's Major's Division contenders did not get their chance to represent the CNMI in the Asia-Pacific Regional.

The Little Leaguers were rushed into airplanes early last Thursday, July 8, a day and a half before Ada held a meeting last Tuesday night informing players and their families that they may not have the money to compete.

Ada disclosed at the meeting that after using their local league money (\$10,000) to fund the trip to the district tournament held in Tinian two and a half weeks

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Saipan Summer Tennis Open games rained out

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Rafael Jones returns to Dong Ik Jang during a consolation game in the men's open division of the Saipan Summer Tennis Open 2010 last Saturday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

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Winners of the three-day Saipan Summer Tennis Open 2010 have yet to be decided as the semifinals and championship games in four divisions at the American Memorial Park tennis court were called off yesterday due to rain.

Organizer Peter Loyola said matches will be rescheduled on a later date.

Included in the rescheduled tiff is Loyola's semifinal showdown against Todd Montgomery. Loyola and Montgomery were set to collide yesterday morning with the winner advancing to the finals against Jeff Race.

Race booked the first finals seat in the men's open division after beating Bobby Cruz

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Spain or Netherlands to get first title

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JOHANNESBURG (AP)—After all the bluster about Brazil and the awe inspired by Germany, the World Cup comes down to two of the

all-time underachievers playing for their first title.

Spain and the Netherlands, teams with long histories of wasting their biggest opportunities, meet Sunday at Soccer City to conclude the first World Cup held in Africa.

What began as a celebration

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Netherlands' Arjen Robben, left, competes for the ball with Netherlands' Wesley Sneijder, right, during a training session ahead of Sunday's final World Cup soccer match against Spain, at Soccer City stadium, near Johannesburg, South Africa, Saturday, July 10, 2010.

Nationals edge Mobil, rule own fundraiser



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The Nationals, in blue, pose for a photo with opposing team Mobil, in red, and tournament officials after wrapping up their fundraiser tournament last Saturday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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The CNMI Men's Nationals completed their undefeated run in their fundraiser tournament after beating Mobil, 82-81, in the finals Saturday night at Garapan Basketball Court.

The Nationals played three good quarters against Mobil and built a very comfortable lead going into the last quarter, but they almost fumbled it up in the end. However, they rode out the storm in the final period and closed the door on a sudden death match.

Pete Mendiola led the way for the Nationals with six points in the first quarter as his team broke

out to an early nine-point lead, 25-16, in the opening period.

Then in the second quarter, the Nationals kept it going with six points from Pete Iguel. Mobil's Jun Estolas came alive with five points in the second, but Mobil still trailed by 10, 46-36, at the half.

Later in the third, Elmer Esdrelon and Leo Factor both scored five points for the Mo-

bil, but Nationals point guard Jose Tumaquip caught fire with two 3-pointers and a total of 12 points to keep his team comfortably ahead.

At the start of the last quarter, Mobil trailed by 14 points, 68-54, but refused to give up. Estolas put up 11 big points for Mobil and Junar Guiab added six more in support.

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